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Joe,
Well, I don't know what to say, because there is a lot to say. I wish things would of been able to work out, but they didn't, sorry! I think your one super sweet, terrific, guy, always stay way, don't change. I had a good time at homecoming and thanks for taking me. It was a lot of fun. Don't forget about me this summer, give me a call sometime. If I need someone to talk to, I have your phone number, I'll call. Don't party too hard this summer and next year. I will though, but when I do next year, it will be fun. I hope I see ya at a party sometime.
Good Luck! ☺

Have a super summer!!

Love ya
Jacque
Weight

Joe,
I'm glad that we became good friends. I think that you are a very sweet & considerate guy. (cute too). I hope to see you this summer. Let's do something over the summer. Give me a call 781-3392. Be have yourself this summer!

Have ya
Kim
Parker

Party your ass off!!!

Joe Gardner

Joe,

I hate signing yearbooks almost as much as I hate signing the backs of pictures, so this will be short, but not necessarily sweet. In any case, have a fun summer and take care of Robin.

Love,

Dana Dry

P.S. I hope your Jr. year is as great as mine was. Be sure and look at all the spreads I did.

Joe,

It's always great having you in a class. You're a sweet guy so don't change. Have fun this summer but stay out of trouble. (I won't forget the time you scattered my Algebra II papers all over the gym floor. I'm sure Danny's head didn't appreciate it too much either!)

Keep in touch.

Love,

Yvette

(783-1931
give me a call
sometime)

Alien head,
you dog-butt faced pig.
I hope I never see you
again in my life but if I
do I guess I'll mouth
you. Stay being stupid and
wreck your truck.

~~Yo~~ yr. varsitely,

Dave

P.S. throw me how to

Joe Mike,
What a year!
It was a good one
for us, don't ya think?
You're a close friend of
mine and I'm so glad of that!
Have a fantastic summer!
All My Love,
Nanci B.

To a Real Bubble Brain But I guess it takes someone like you, to make this world a funnier place. You're a sweet guy even though you did call me airhead! I Stay Sweet and 6 out I'm sure you'll make it Girls Have fun with the This Summer
Love
Kim
Kate
Barbie
P.S. Nice to Doll ya

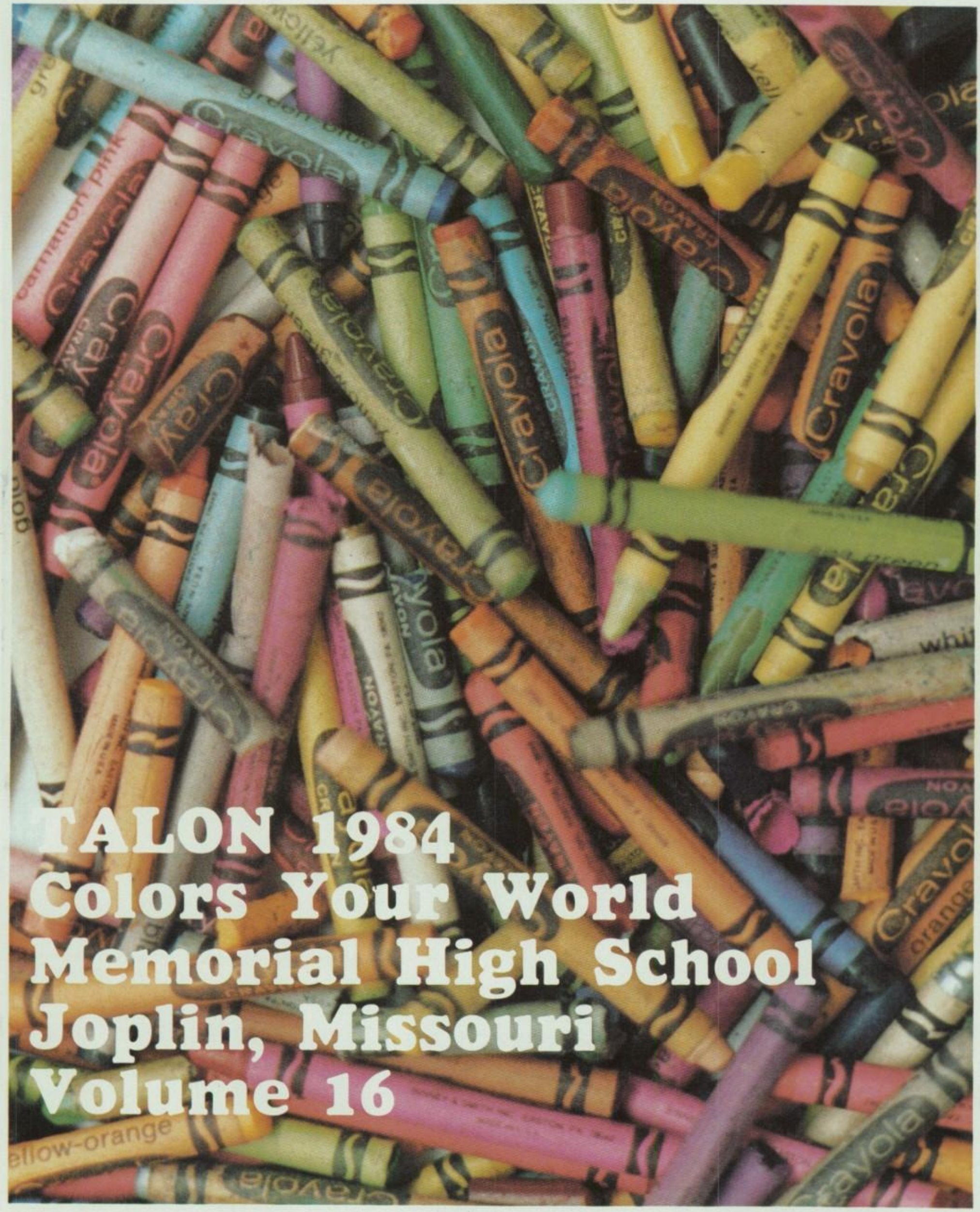
Joe,
We made it through another year of Lang Arts. Thanks for all your help. It's been great!
I hope to see you sometime this summer! Have a good one!! Be careful!

Class of '86

Love ya,
Leslie

Joe,
I had fun scaring you to death in Driver's Ed. I still can't drive but I'm glad I got to be friends with you
Friends
Forever
Kim
Blanca

Joe,
I'm glad we're friends! Its really sad you can't drive but I have faith someday you'll get better(?) Hope you have an Excellent summer! Love ya
Debbie Ewert



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Getting to school on time

Transportation was one thing everyone definitely needed to get anywhere. Getting to school on time, or just getting to school period, required transportation.

Walking was not particularly favored as a means of transportation. For those who did not have a car, someone to bring them to school, or lived to close to school to ride a bus, they had to walk. Through rain, sleet, sunshine, or snow, this could be a very tiring activity.

The bus was another way of getting to school. This was not always that liked either because of the overcrowded conditions. Also catching the bus on time was a major problem for many students.

Mom, dad, or a brother or sister often came in handy when one needed a ride. But the most favored way of getting anywhere was the car. Many students could hardly wait to turn 16 so they could be free to drive where and when they wanted. The only problem was keeping gas in the car and watching out for the other drivers.

Each day was a journey to and from school and each student had to travel; just getting there was important.

Carpooling was a must to save gas and it could also be loads of fun to cram ten people in a truck. **Jennifer Baine, Tanya Ross,** and **Amy Allgood** enjoy the idea immensely.

Those students who could afford it and were lucky enough, had a car to drive to school. A large number of cars crowded and traveled the lots of Memorial each day.

Charles Cruzan shows how some people lost their transportation.

Riding a bike was one way to get exercise and get to school too. The only complication was carrying your books.

Busses were provided for students who lived to far away from the school to walk. Squeezing on a bus with 50 others could definitely be an experience.

Cornell Harbin and **John Hackett** stand in the street after school trying to decide what their transportation home is going to be.

Kerry Watts method of transportation was zipping around on a Honda dirtbike.

Cathy Whitney, Tina Price, and **Darrin Bishop** were taking the surest and slowest way of traveling somewhere; walking.

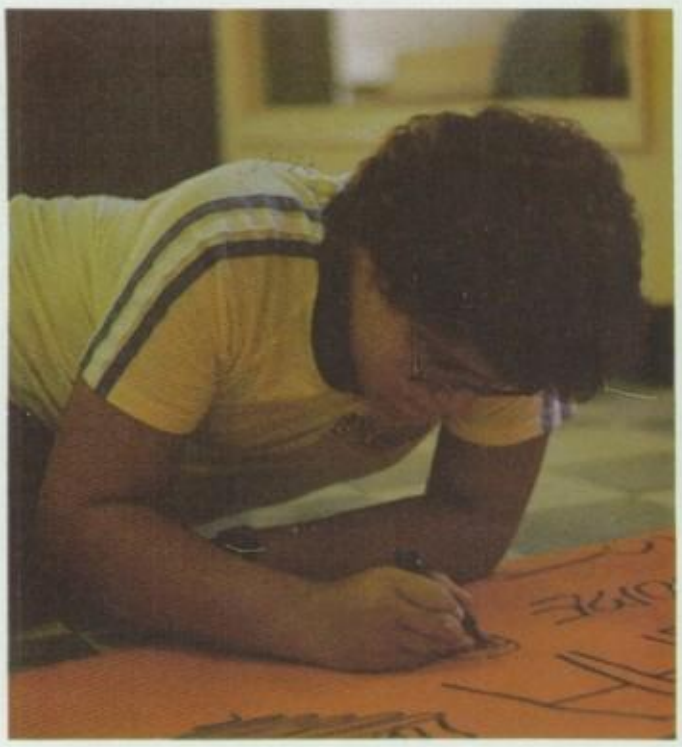
Well, these guys sure look ready to hit their classes. The hardy MHS lunch generated these students.

Johna Kingery flashes the camera a beautiful smile.

The many faces of MHS . . .

Many of us (most of us that are considered halfway normal any way) have repeatedly reached the same conclusion about school through the years. Needless to say, the decision was that school was filled with many "unfavorable conditions," to say the least.

But there is something about school that we will all probably miss one day. You are probably asking yourself in bewilderment what that could possibly be. The answer was all around you, it was everyone you see. People, people, and more people. A lot of times this was all that got us through. We learned from people and with people. We loved them and tolerated them when that was the last thing we wanted to do.



Gordon Noah shows off his muscular "charm" with a growl.

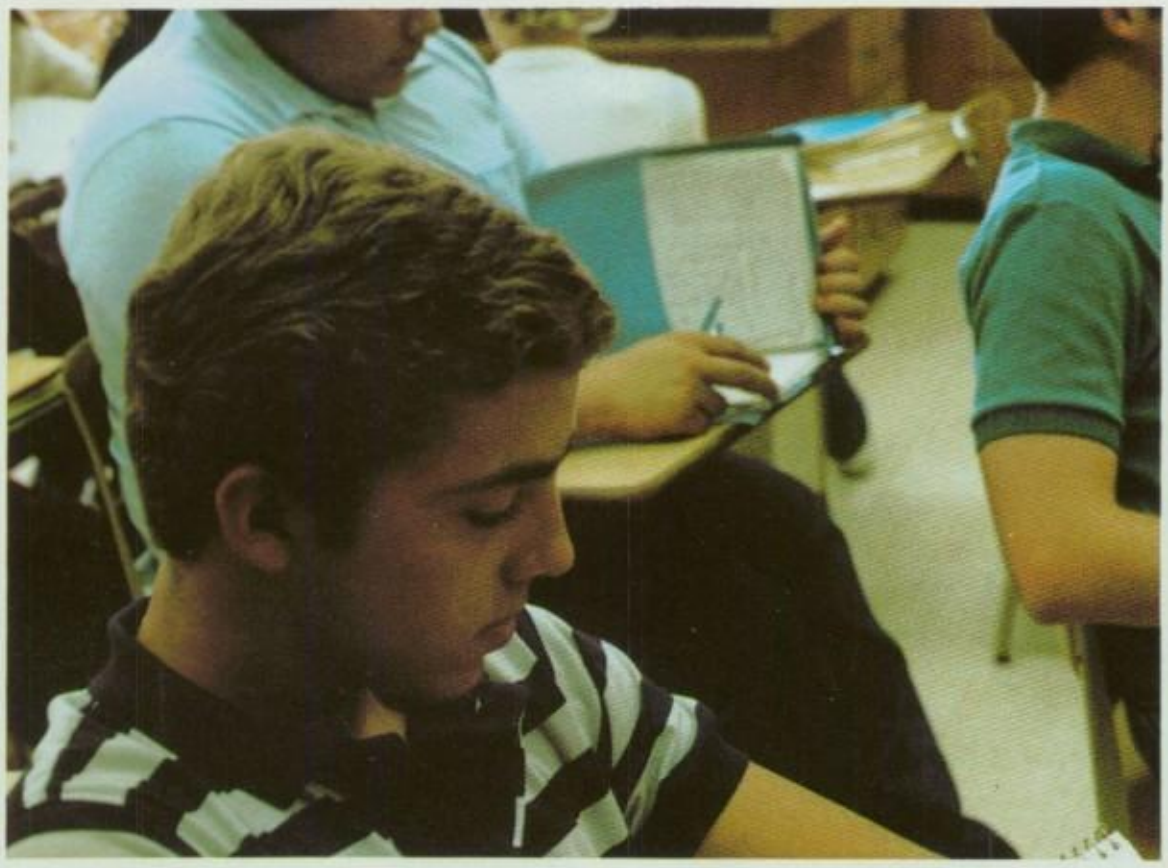
Waiting for the ever popular sixth hour bell, **Liz Brown** tries to concentrate on a novel.

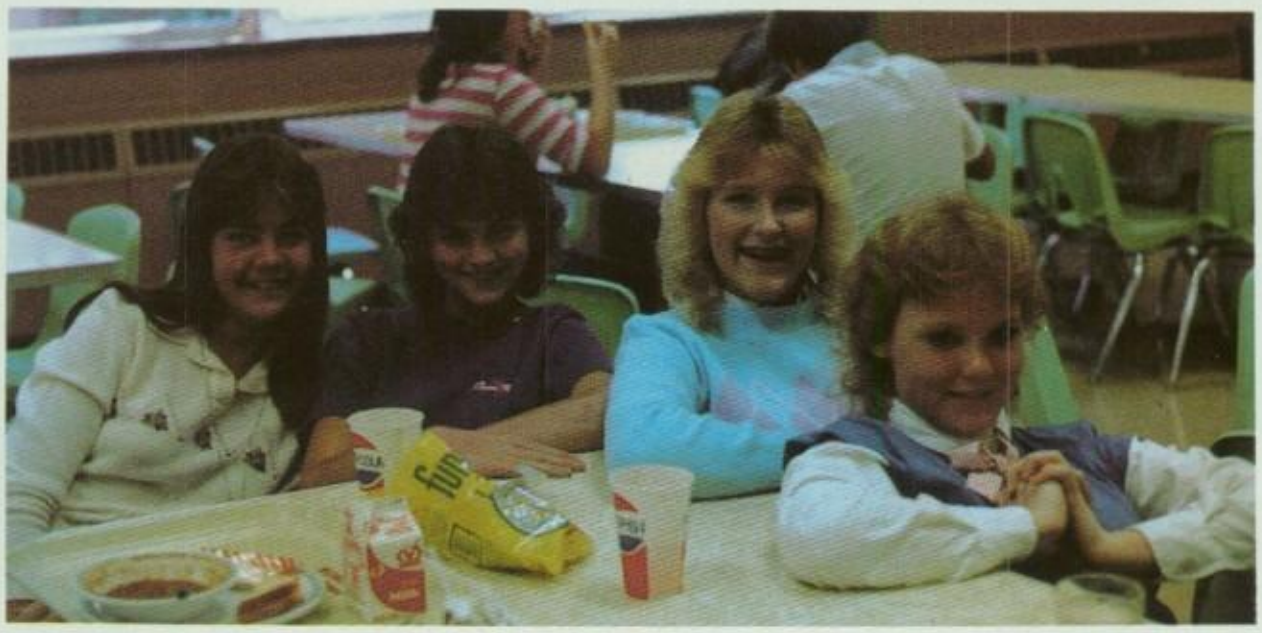
Stuco member, **Chad Yates** started his work in August. Before school, Stuco was busy making posters to greet the students.

Brad Burris and **Fawn Hawkins** take time out from their busy schedules to flash some great-looking smiles.

Concentration is written all over the face of **Richard Oliver.**

While hurrying to her next class, **Tina Sweet** takes time to pose for a picture.





After finishing his lunch, **Owen Hudson** doesn't know what to think, as you can tell by his expression.

Lunchtime is a break in which we all get to be with our friends. It sure made these girls happy.

Tammy O'Dell is thoroughly enjoying her lunch.

A day in the life ...

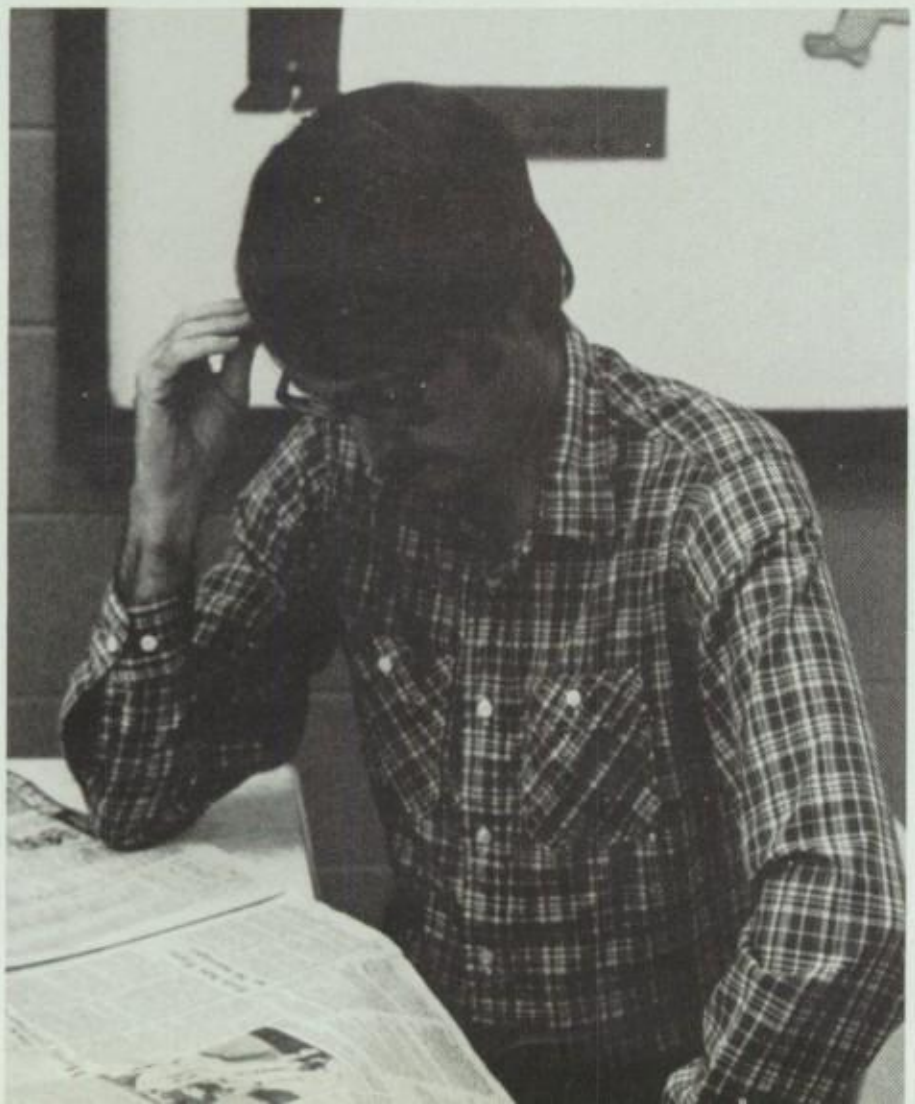
And with the shrill buzz of the alarm the day is off to an active start. Arriving at school (hopefully by 8:15) it was time, once again, for classes to commence. If you were lucky, at 11:15, you had the first lunch period and got first pick of delicacies at the MHS cafeteria. Lunch was also a break in the day in which you had a time to unwind a bit and relax with some friends. But, it was just too bad if you were too relaxed because thirty minutes later, ready or not, it was time to go back to class. It usually seemed that fifth hour dragged because after eating, everyone's ready for a nap. Doesn't it seem as though your fifth hour class was somewhat dead?! But with the idea of "2:45" rolling around the student body usually got more excited and sixth period picked up.

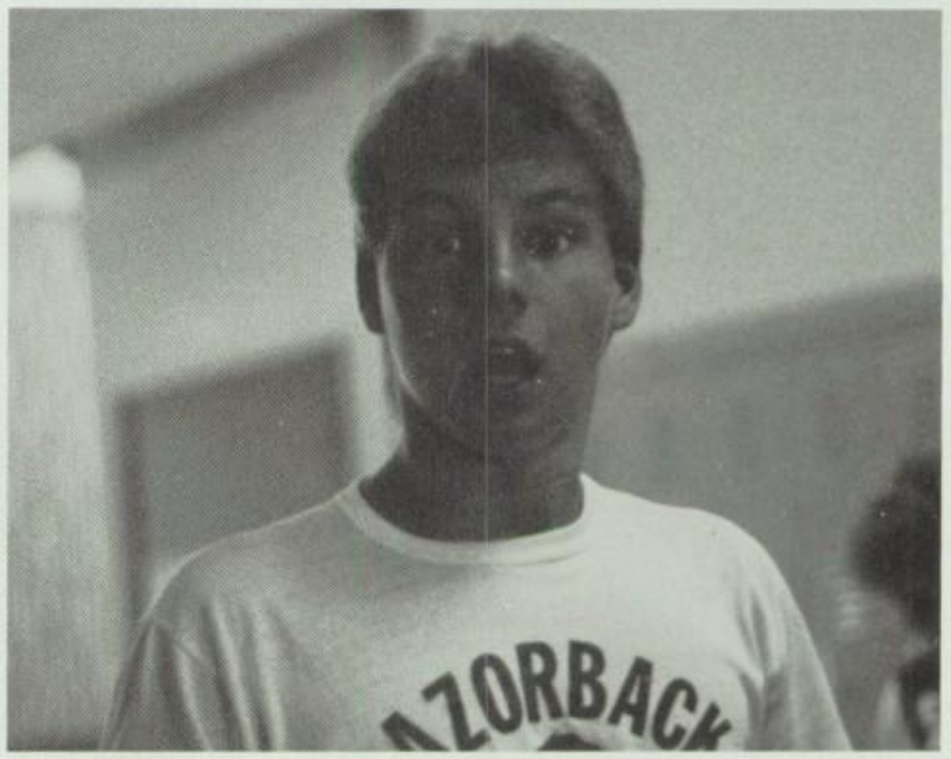
If you were an athlete this time meant off to practice. Finally, homeward bound, and it was time for more homework. After the grueling hours of studying hopefully you had time for a little relaxation.

Kerry Watts is ready and waiting for his wrestling practice to begin. Wrestling was just one of the many days' practices.

This bright smile displays the mutual feeling of relaxation that usually comes with the lunch break.

Michelle Willis spent alot of her free time working at the Leather Shack.



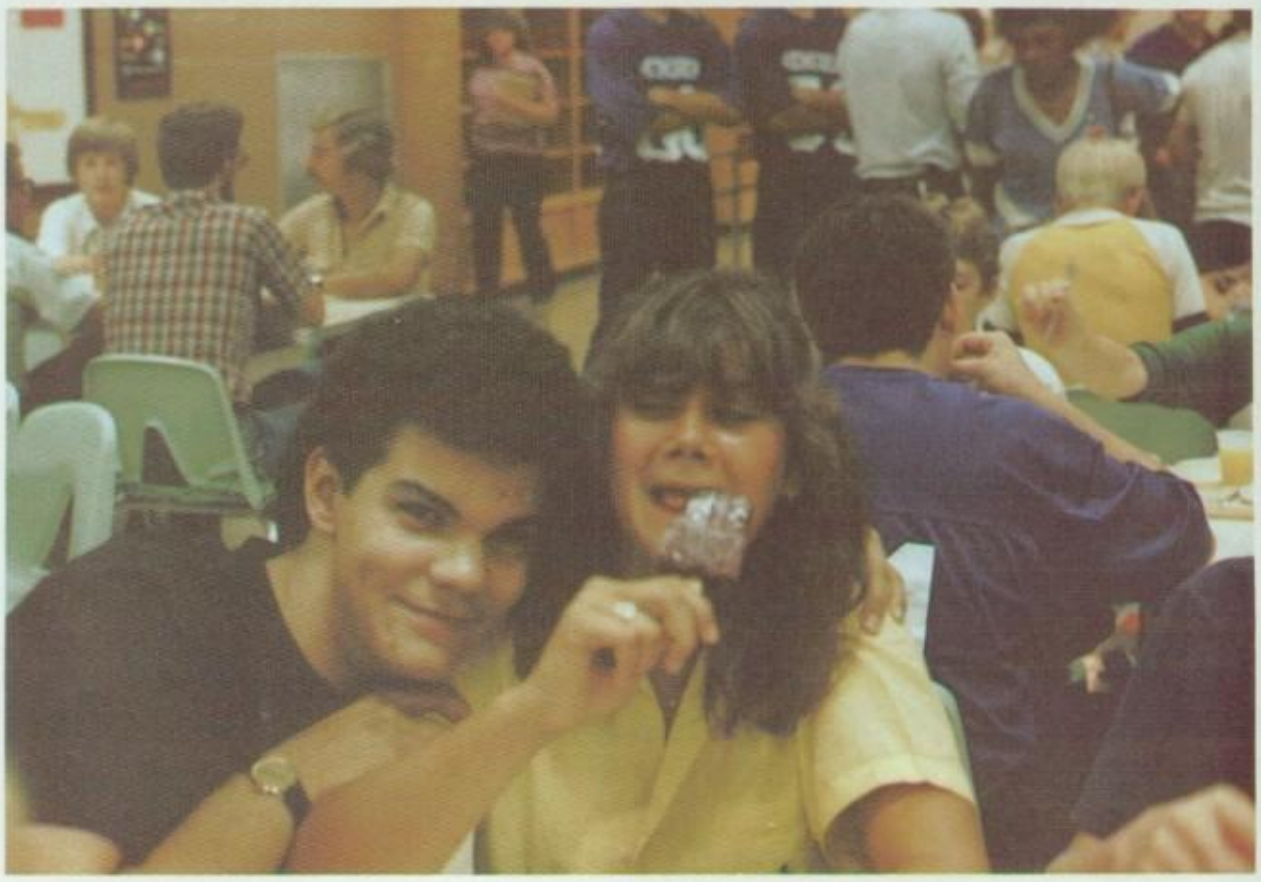


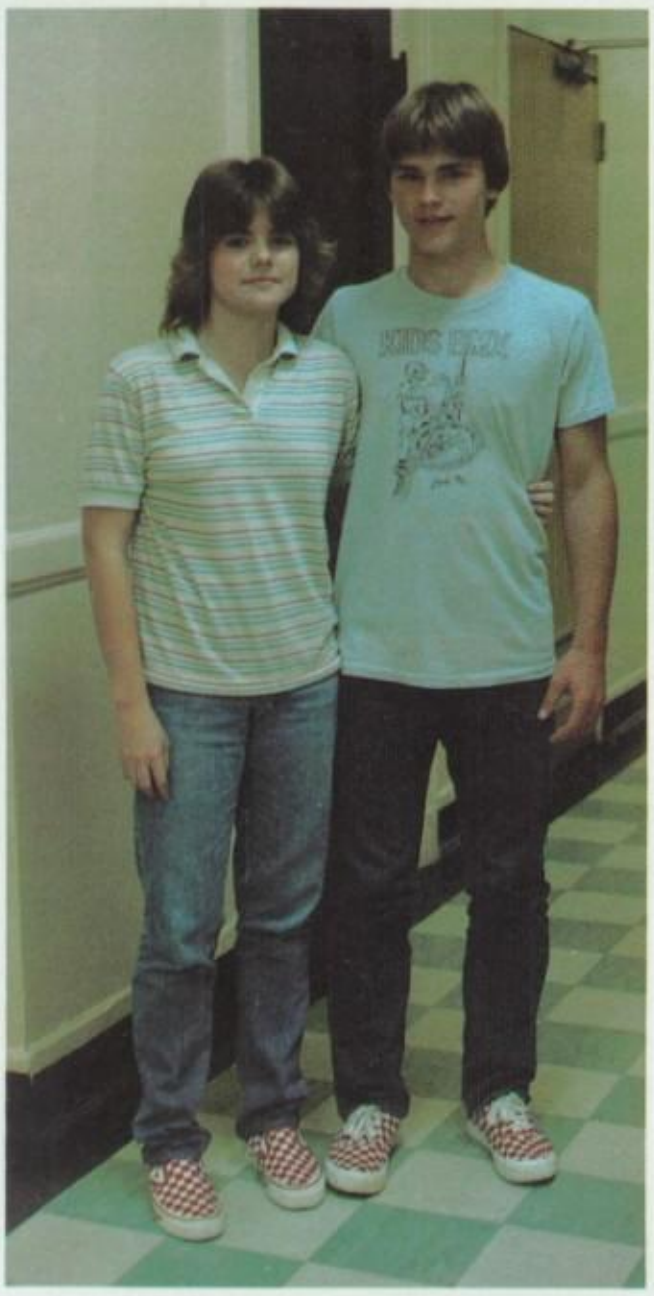
These students exercise their minds in the school library.

Claire McCaffery and **Shelly Jacobs** talk on the way to their next class.

Rob Kanakis displays confusion from too much studying.

Mr. Larry Wood takes a break in the day to get caught up on the daily news.

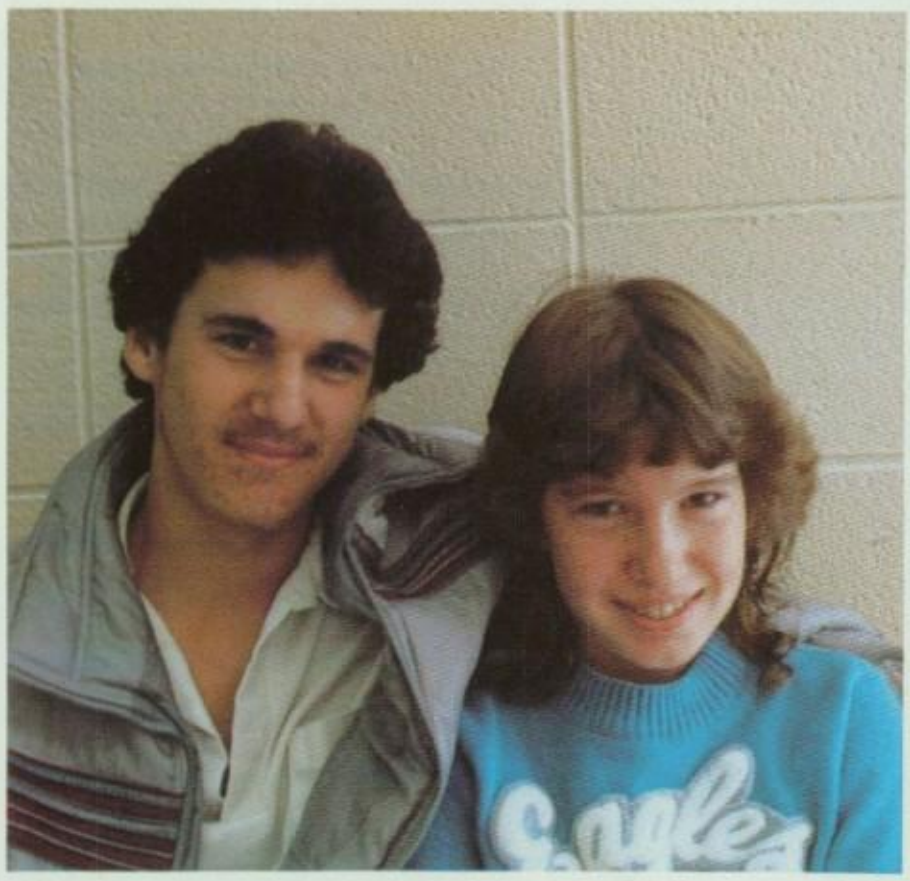




Eric Keller probably could have done without this kind of togetherness.
Nita Briley and **Suzanne Thurlo** show what friendship is all about.
Shelley Edwards and **Jay George** model their matching Vans.
Carter Simmons and **Liz Smith** share their lunch period together.

United Are We . . .

Nobody ever told us high school was easy, but we never dreamed we'd face anything like an **Emma Jean Goade** exam!!! When you thought you couldn't handle one more Algebra Quiz or one more school lunch, there's usually been someone beside you that felt the same way. That was the key to survival. Together we made it through. Being together with our friends helped us to get it together with ourselves.



Thinking together often helped us make it through some of the tests and treacherous homework that was demanded.

Dating was perhaps the best kind of togetherness that there could have been.

Mark Pugh and **Marty Goade** were just the best of friends as this picture illustrates.

Nick Blizzard offers **Todd Baker** a "friendly hug." (?!?!)

Joe,
You're a really nice guy and I'm glad I met you this year. I hope you have as much fun in high school as I have had. Be sure and take care of Robin, she's awful sweet. Have fun in the sun.

Love-n-Laughter,
Shanna Light

"I want my MTV!"

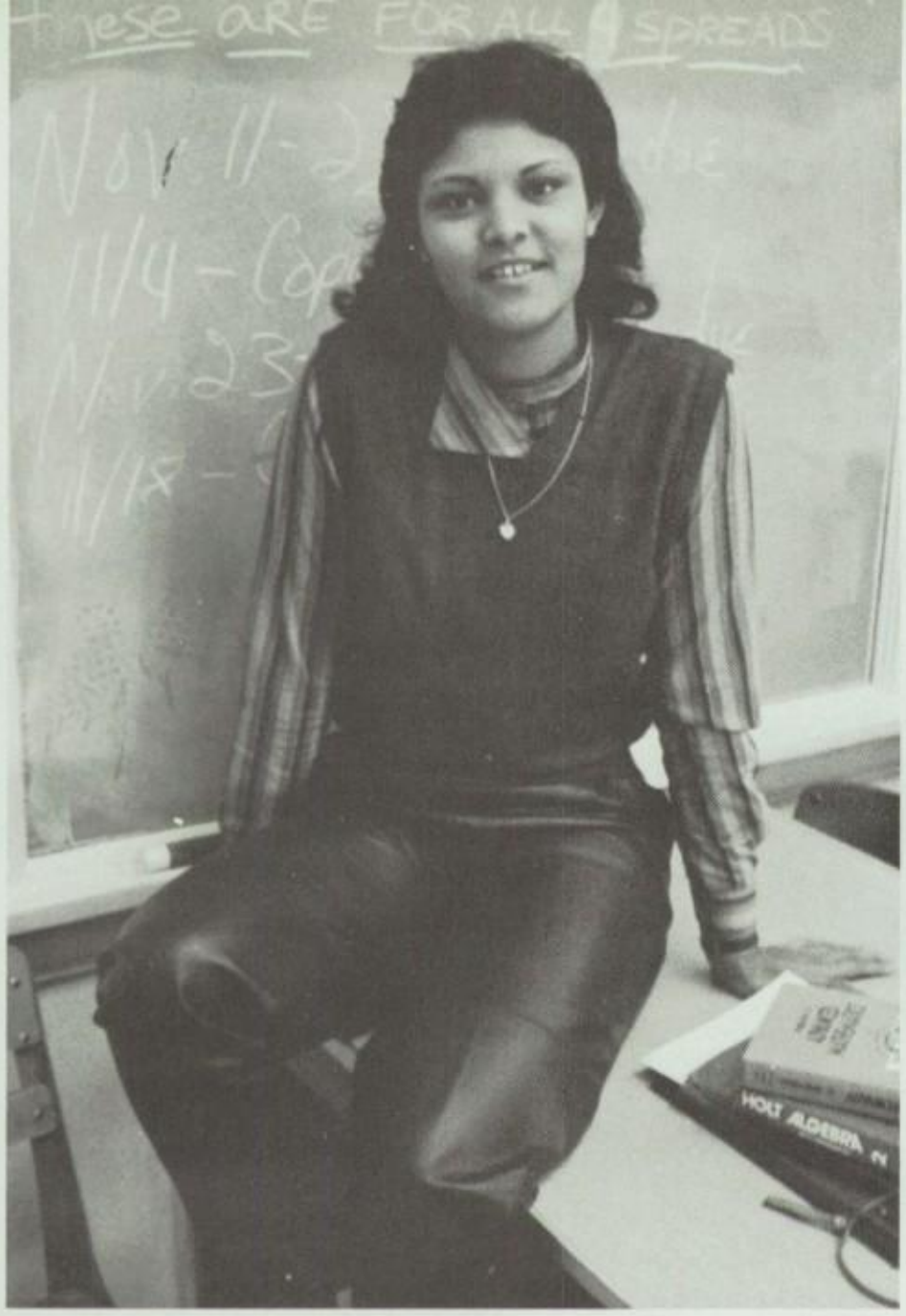
From cut off sweat shirts to comfortable Levi's jackets and MTV, frivolous extras made the year a little brighter. Tie-dyed T's and checked Van sneakers were not uncommon sites this year. Prepster glasses, mini skirts, Chinese T's, concert T's and even pink mocassins, this year the fads were fun, fun, fun!! Also, Music Television, more widely known as MTV, helped liven many parties.

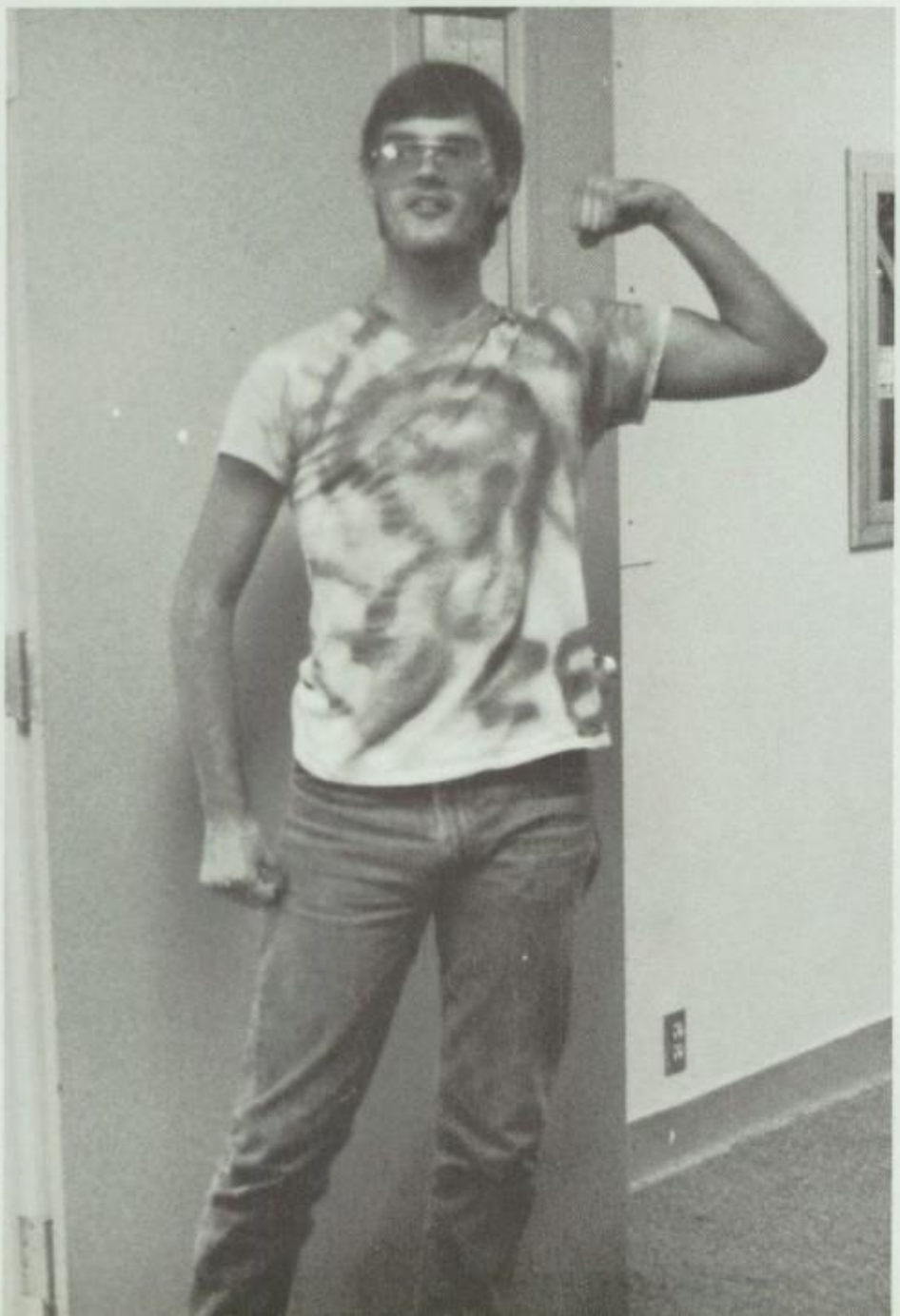
Fads are definitely a fun part of our high school years even though they don't always last. These years, however, will make a lasting impression on our lives and some of these frivolous habits help make our memories warmer and brighter.

Who's that behind those Foster Grant's? None other than **Irving Stewart** in the preppy look.

Debbie Love models the new look in formal attire. This lovely attire is found at the Daisy Shop, an antique clothes and furniture boutique. A lot of the best dressed students did their shopping at the Daisy Shop.

If you know **Eric Colbert** then you recognize this foot and these mod grey patent shoes.





Suman Jaswal models the latest in leather pants.

The latest in hair looks, worn by **Gina Bazzano.** Also, **Gina** models a very fashionable look in vests for the winter season.

On display at Newman's: a vast array of the latest design in Vans.

Eric Cottrell lets his personally designed T-shirt and tennis shoes display his inner self.

Where did all the money go?!

Money can disappear within instants of each passing day. Expenses piled very high from much needed necessities, (or so called necessities).

One of those necessities was food. Everyone enjoyed eating, but did not necessarily enjoy the expenses of snacks before school, school lunches, and eating out after school. Another precious necessity was that costly gasoline. For those who drove, they sadly watched their pennies go into their gas tank. Even when gas prices didn't rise, everyone needed gas to get to school, work, or wherever they wanted to go.

For many males, money was often harder to come by than for females. If a boy wanted to go out on a date, he footed the bill which could become quite expensive. A football game only cost $1.00 per person. To see a movie it was a little more expensive, it cost $3.50 per person. Gas and food were again on the expensive list because one might want to go out to eat and gas was needed to get anywhere. Just going out with friends on the weekends often became very expensive from the expenses of social activities to food, and gasoline.

Clothing and material objects such as a stereo or car were very high in cost. If staying in the latest fashions was important to a person, they had to have a lot of money to spend. Even old reliable jeans ranged from $15.00 to $50.00 a pair. For the music buffs, music was an expensive necessity to buy. Most albums and cassette tapes cost about $10.00.

Whatever the item bought or whatever the activity done, money was definitely an essential necessity.

Doug Fisher spends his hard earned money grubbing out with junk food.

Kim Mitchell knows all to well that gasoline was a very costly thing to buy especially if she did not want to walk anywhere.

The Dominos pizza man was a friendly sight to see for **Mark Williams** and his stomach, but not a friendly sight for his wallet.

Clothing was one expensive item just about everyone wanted to purchase. **Kim Letts** displays and admires an expensive article of clothing in Newmans department store.

Andy Laas wonders whether to grab a favorite album for very ittle money, only if no one is looking.

Gina Bazzano tests a perfume. Cosmetics could often become an expensive purchase many girls needed and wanted.

People needed people.

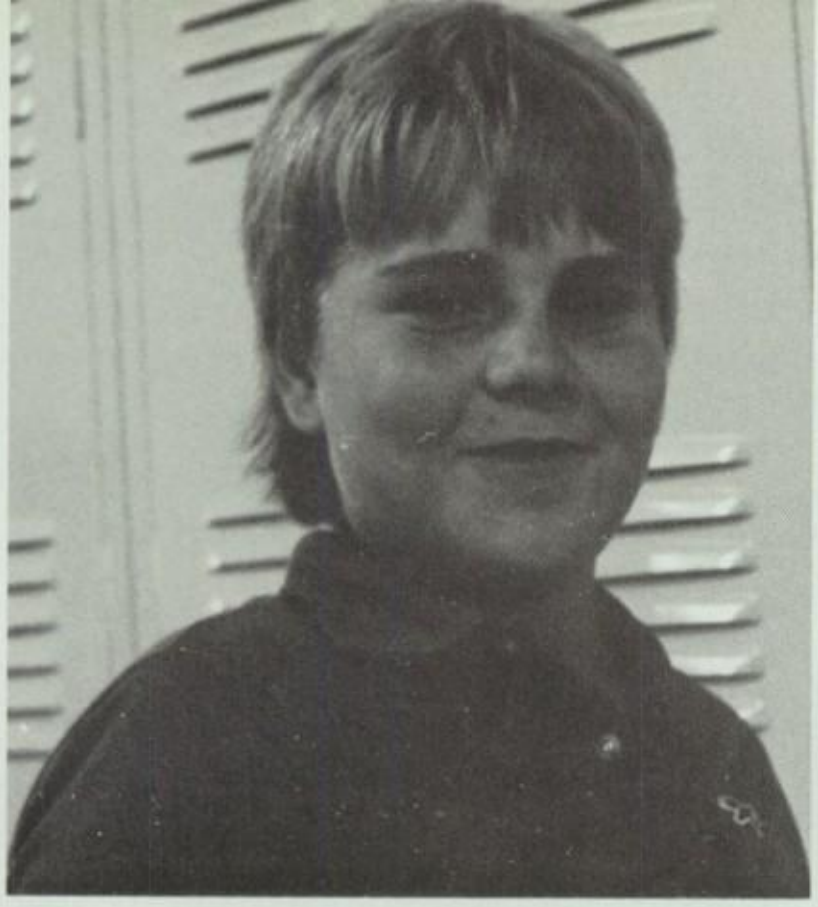
People were an important aspect of everyday school life. It was a known fact that people needed people. Everyone needed someone else to have as a friend to confide in, or just another person to counteract loneliness. There were so many different unique personalities in the crowd of Memorial High School students. All of the different types of people made school life easier and much more exciting. The long hard task of growing was made easier by all of the special people one was confronted with each day.

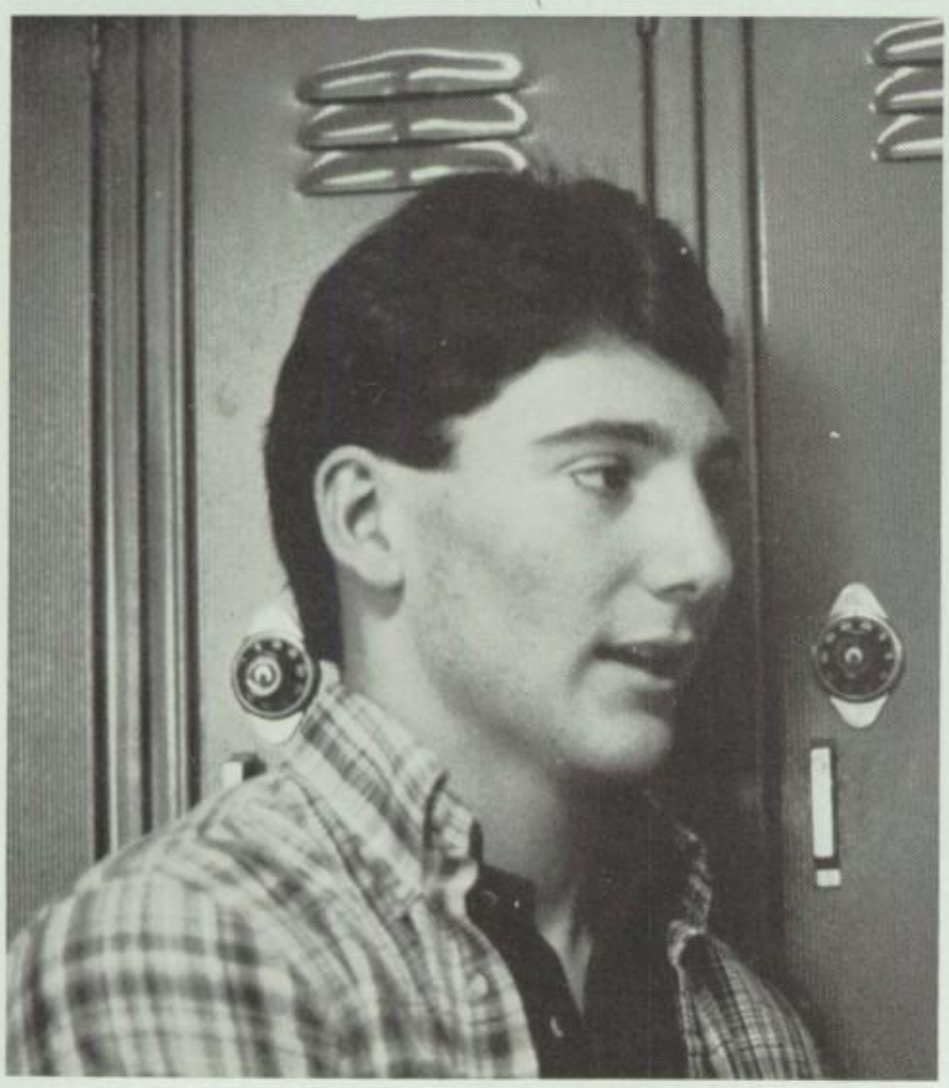
Mark Pugh takes a break at lunch and fully relaxes himself.

Eating lunch was not always enjoyed, but **Charles Jay** seemed to enjoy it immensely.

Smiling was a must for everyone each day to survive. **Cathy Whitney** expresses her smile for the day.

Dana Dry is captured in a glowing moment.





David Tucker, in between classes, takes a break for a smile and a book change.

Todd Good seems slightly embarrassed as **Dr. Zeka** makes a remark on **Todd's** questionable behavior in the library.

Clowning around in the student lounge was often a way of easing tension during the day and having fun.

Erin Bunch was one of the many great people of the student body of Memorial High School.

Sam Ware scans his mind intently trying to remember the combination to his locker.

Night Life!

Night lights were often an exciting sight to see. These lights display Joplin at a glance on Rangeline.

Some people made use of their free time and night life desperately trying to get away from Missouri. **Doug Fisher, Mark Williams, Todd Good, Gary Rhoades, Traci Hertzberg, Sally Lea, Kim Mitchell,** and **Jimmy Kendall** are shown running away from Missouri in hopes of some exciting place down the road in another state.

With all the tension and frustration of a hectic school life, another type of life was definitely needed. This life included of special activities such as hanging out with friends, going to "entertainment" spots, school activities, or possibly dates. Living it up on the weekend was the cause of many Monday morning blues, but the blues were quickly pushed aside by the driving thoughts of what the weekend had in store.

After school hours and responsibilities were over, night became an exciting time with pressures released and everyone doing his or her own fun thing. With many, it was eating at one of the many fast food places, attending a football game, crusin' main street, or just simply having fun with friends.

The night life of each person of exciting activities and rowdy behavior certainly helped one make it through the long school year.

The Northpark Mall was a place many people went for night action of seeing friends or shopping. **Kim Nading** shops in one of the mall's many stores.

Jill Markman enjoys a coke at Taco Bell, a famous night spot known for the delicious food served when one was hungry. One was always sure to see another face there they knew.

A place of sanctuary

In 1968 a new name was given to this building with the separation of Joplin Senior High. It was originally a high school, then a junior college, and now it had become Memorial High School.

New traditions and identities were quickly established. In the following years a gym was added, then a glass hallway. The building survived a tornado, explosions and fires. Memorial became the high school in which thousands of students would gain a diploma, life-lasting friends, vivid memories and a sense of belonging.

When we, as students of Memorial's 83-84 school year, first enrolled at Memorial we began to gain those things. The letters spelling out our school's name, on the sides of the building and the gym became our second address.

A year and a half from now those letters will be brought down in preparation for this building's fourth transition. It is to become Joplin's single junior high school. The high school text books will be taken out, the banners in the gym will be removed and the trophy case will be emptied.

It would not be hard to walk through its halls with a misplaced sense of belonging. The words "MEMORIAL" and "EAGLES" would not be found and all the majestic pictures of our American eagle would be gone. Those losses will force us to concentrate on the more important things; those teachers who really influenced our lives and our way of thinking, memories, accomplishments, and friends.

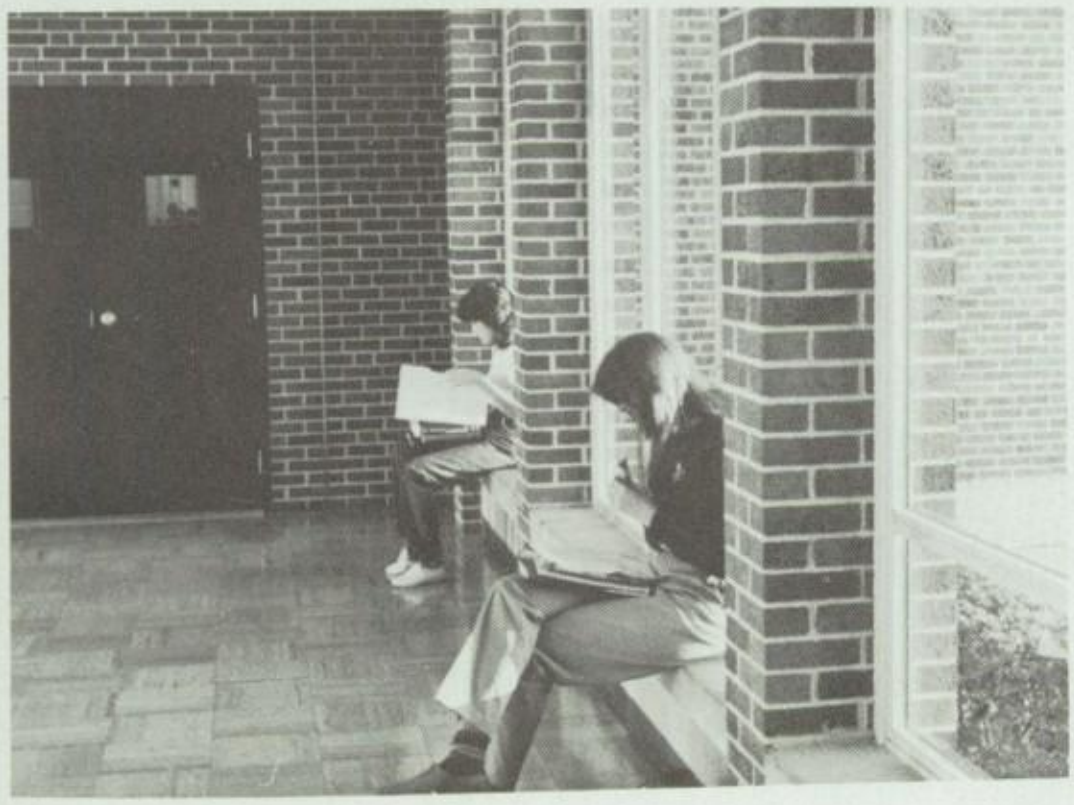
We will undergo many changes just as this building has, but there is not one of those changes that can take away what was really special during our time in this building. Those times will outlive the building itself.

The front of the great and majestic Memorial High School.

The flag was raised and taken down each day at Memorial to show pride in America.

Memorial gymnasium displayed many fine sports events and housed many gym classes and devoted athletes.

Memorial High School from an east side view.



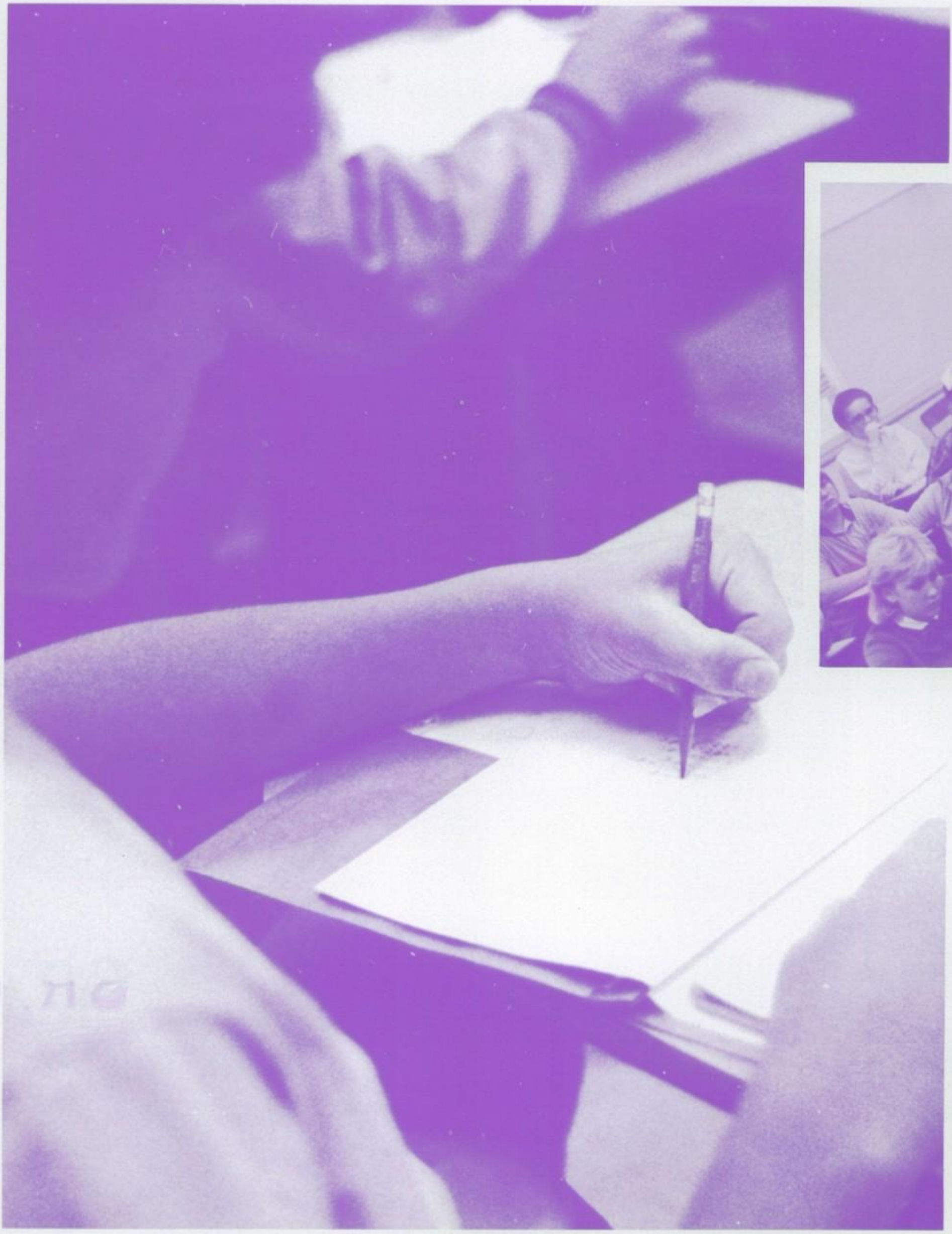
A fence surrounded the tennis courts to keep all of Memorial's fine students from wandering out into Wall Street.

The glass hall between the school and gymnasium was a nice extension to study in when the weather was warm.

Joe,

Hope this place is alright there really isn't much of a choice! Well another year has gone by and you are about to become a big Jr. well that's bad just don't forget that I will be a big SR.!

It was nice having you in Nelsons class although I didn't get to talk to you that much. Hope I see ya in some of my classes next year! Have a great summer! Love Gerri



Taking good notes was vita-ly important in class.

It was a toss up between which was more important, class time or homework time.

Studies cover Everybody, Everything

Academics brought new ideas, challenges, and new perspectives to each student.

Academic achievement and challenge were important to many students, but at the same time not so important to many students. It all depended upon the person. There were three classifications of student. First, there was the student who always did his homework and was constantly on top of things. Second, the most popular classification, was the student who eventually got things done but barely came through. These students could be classified as the procrastinators and had to learn how to work well under pressure. Third, was the student who never did work at all. They were the ones who simply did not care or were just to lazy to do anything.

Whatever the classification of student, academics were definitely stressed at Memorial High School. Each person knew how important academic achievement was to them, and they showed their interest through the type of student they were. What everyone received from school was like the outlines of a child's coloring book.

Each student had to fill in the colors themselves.

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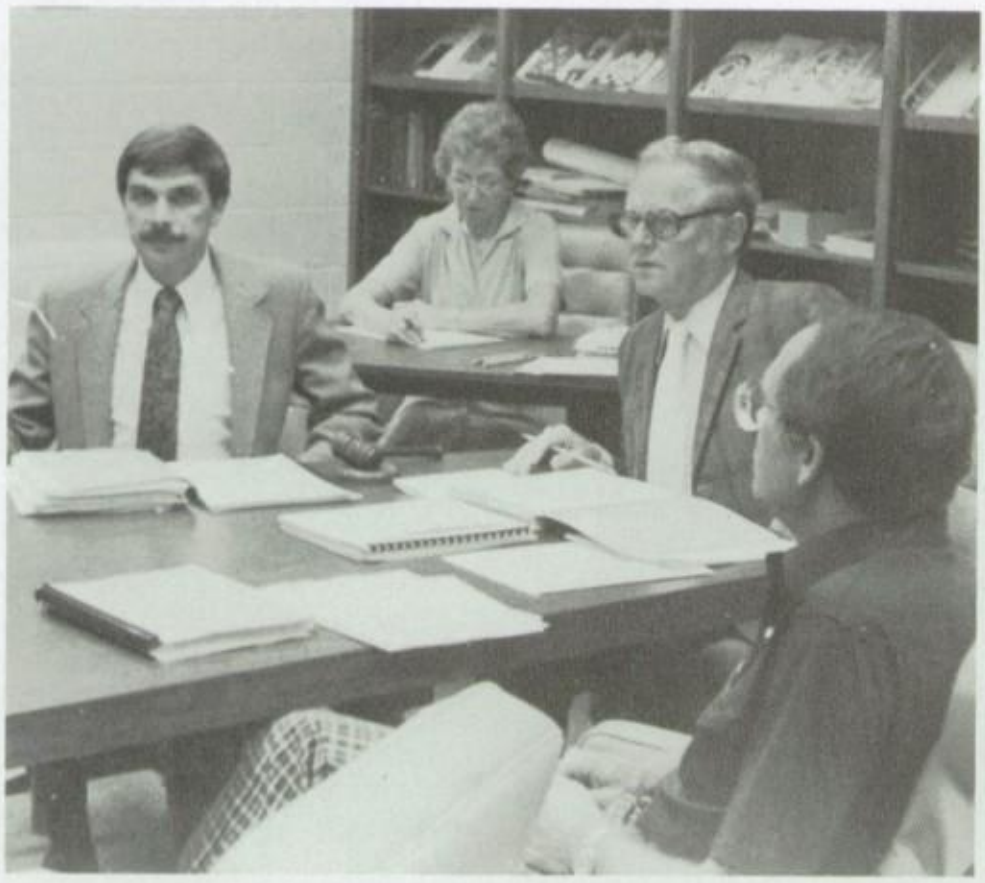


Dr. Shoemake, President Combs and **Mr. Dermott** discuss School Board matters while **Miss Mary Buxton** takes notes.

Dr. Robert Wolf is Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education.

Harold Thompson takes notes over the telephone concerning Joplin athletics.

Financial problems were the topic discussion between **Mrs. Satterlee** and **Mr. Brill.**

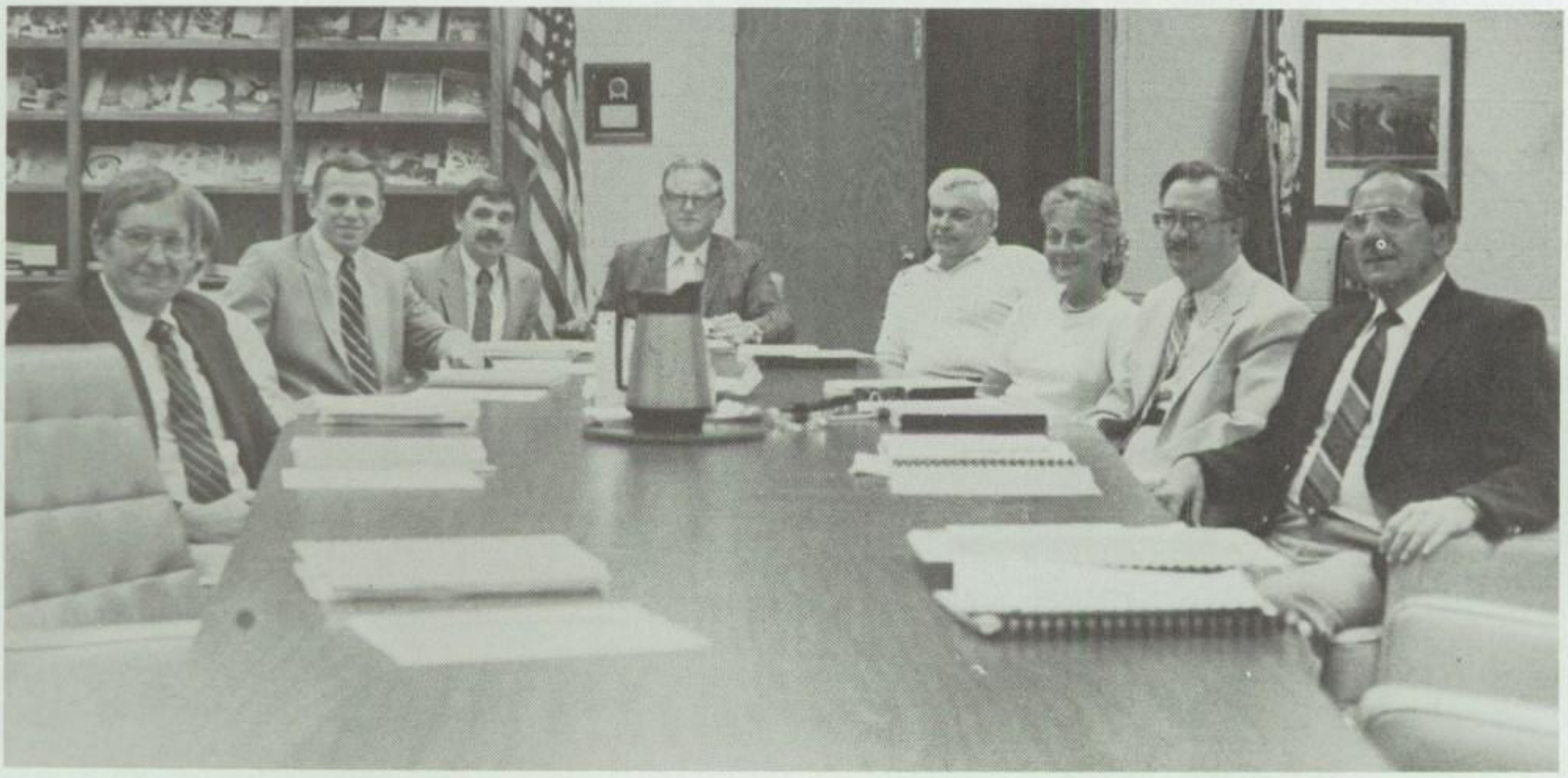
President Combs called all meetings to order.

Meeting twice a month to improve the quality of education in the Joplin School District was our very own Board of Education.

Serving as Superintendent was **Dr. James Shoemake,** with **Mr. Floyd Leonard** as Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, **Dr. Robert Wolf** as Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, **Mr. William Brill,** Finance Director, and **Mr. Harold Thompson,** Athletic Director.

Board members for the 83-84 year included **Mr. Loyd Combs,** president, **Mrs. Susan Satterlee,** vice-president, **Miss Mary Buxton,** secretary, **Mr. Richard Spong, Mr. Tom Fenton, Mr. Jan Tupper, Dr. Charles McGinty,** and **Mr. Jon Dermott,** school board attorney.

The school board made various decisions ranging from the building of a new elementary school, to employing teachers and hospitalization insurance.



Board members from left to right were **Dr. Robert Wolf, Mr. Tom Fenton** (behind **Dr. Wolf**), **Mr. Richard Spong, Dr. James Shoemake, President Loyd Combs, Mr. Jan Tupper, Mrs. Susan Satterlee, Mr. William Brill, Mr. Floyd Leonard.**

Tom Fenton listens intently to a presentation for the School Board.

Always there to help

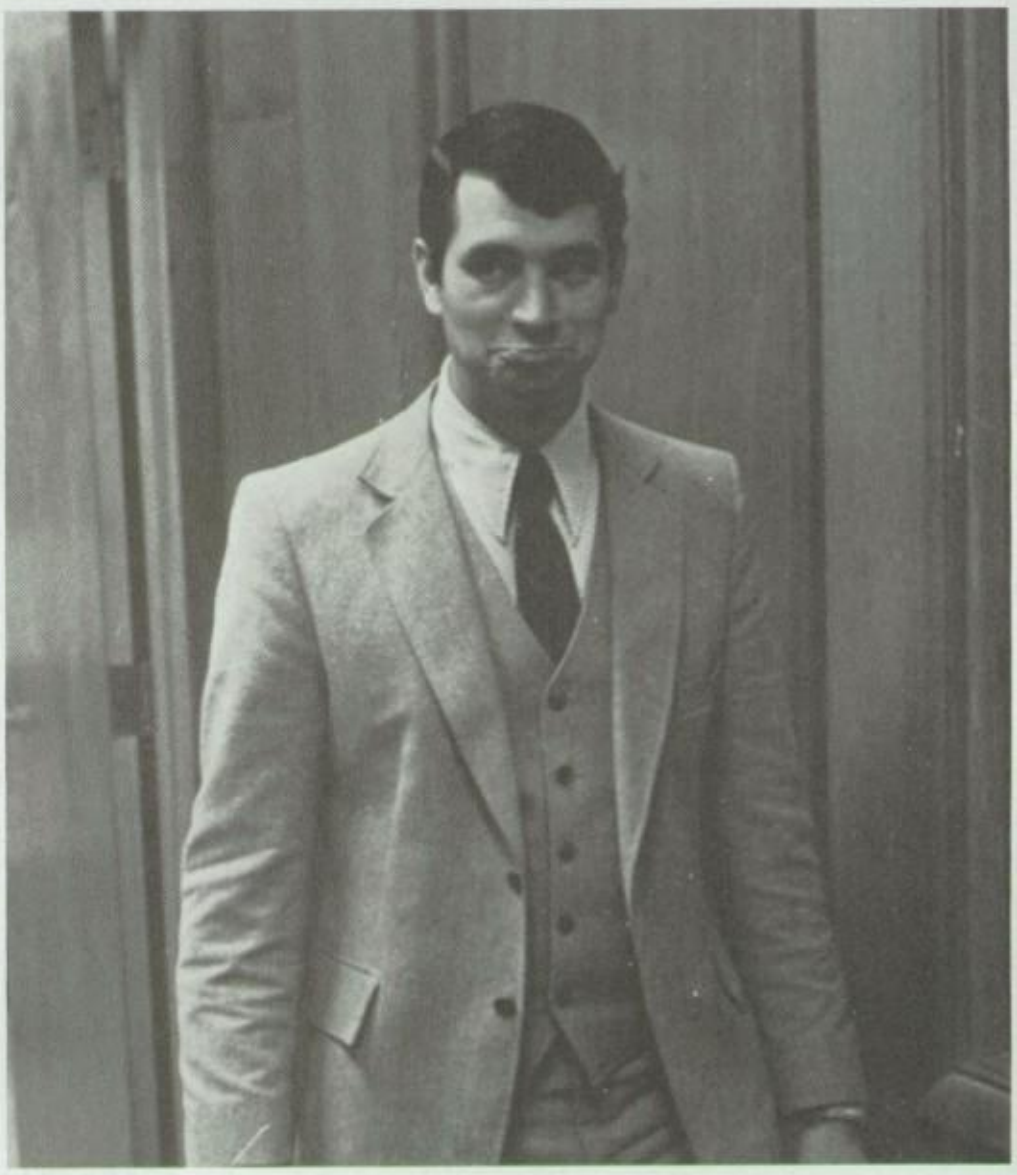
No administration has an easy job. There was no exception here at Memorial. Our administration was constantly working to help us, the students and faculty of Memorial make the students way through this rough and tumble school year.

Dr. Vernon Hudson, Principal; **Dr. Darryl Warren,** Assistant Principal; and **Mr. Kieth Zeka,** Assistant Principal; were in charge of discipline, as well as directing school affairs.

Many students already know about this duty as they had a few too many tardies or had problems with that golden vow of silence while in class. Disciplinary actions were also appropriate at lunchtime when many students decided on going out to eat, instead of eating the school's food.

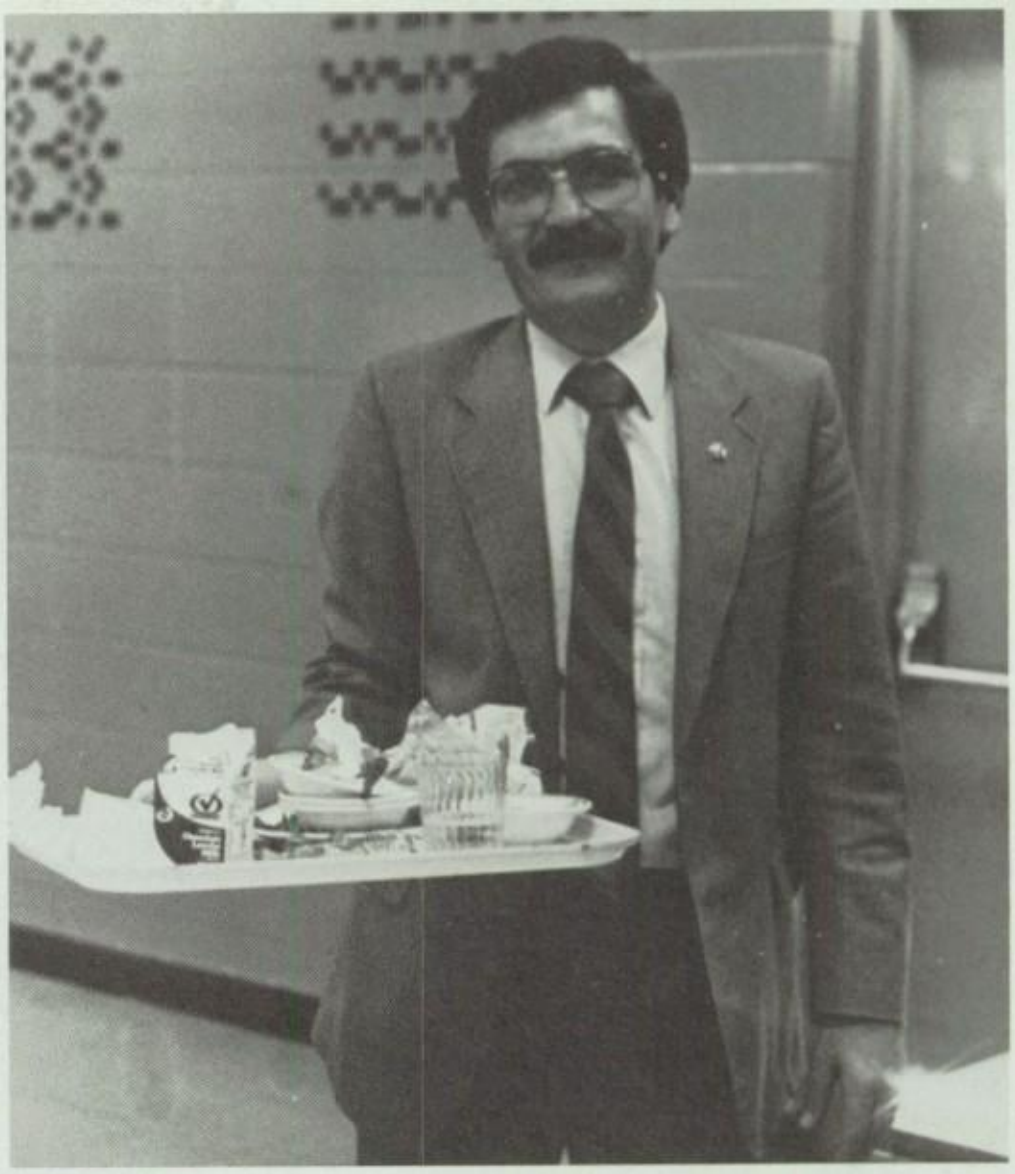
Our administrators did a fine job this past year. What would we have done without them.

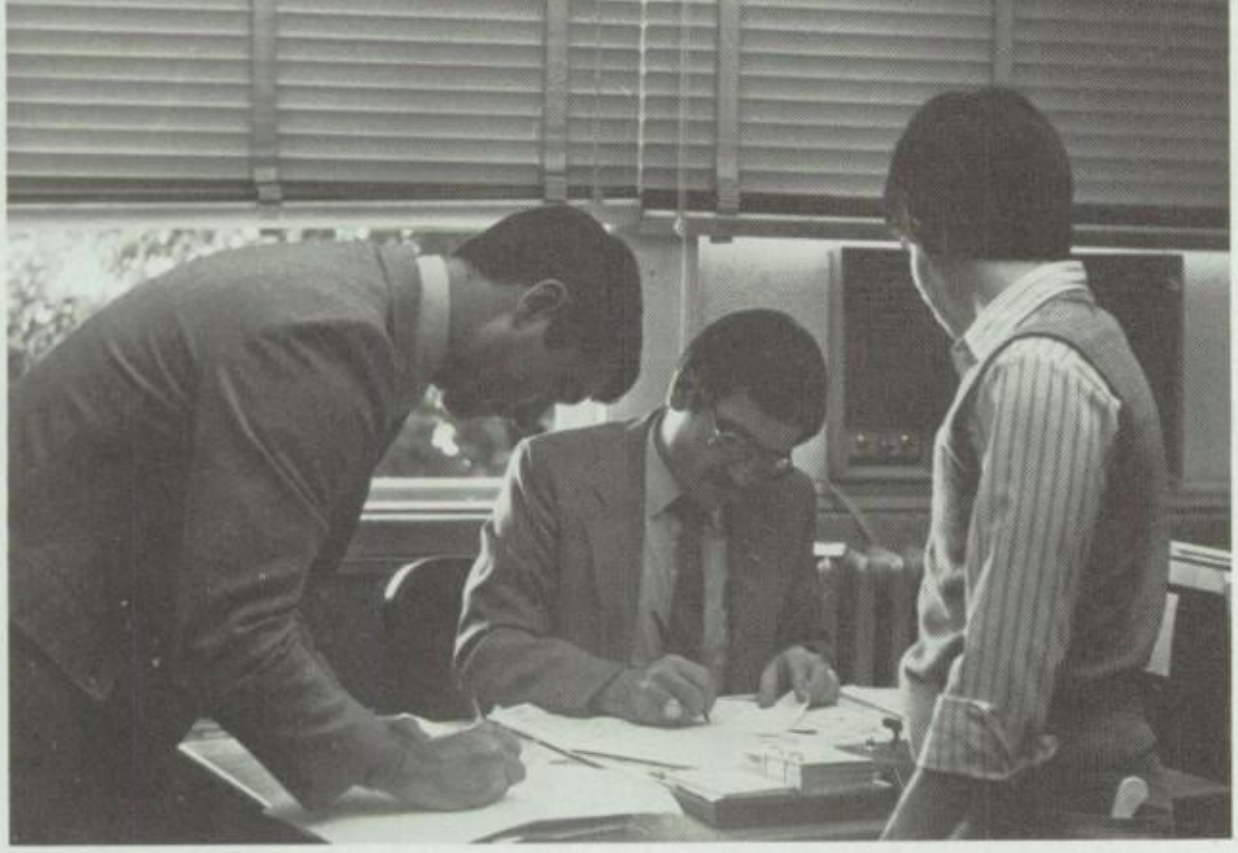
Mr. Zeka poses in front of his famous window which keeps students up to date with current events.



Dr. Hudson, Dr. Warren, and **Mr. Zeka** keep an eye on rowdy students in the lunch room.

Dr. Warren expresses his feelings toward a day without sending anyone to ISD.





Dr. Hudson stops for a moment of thought during the day.

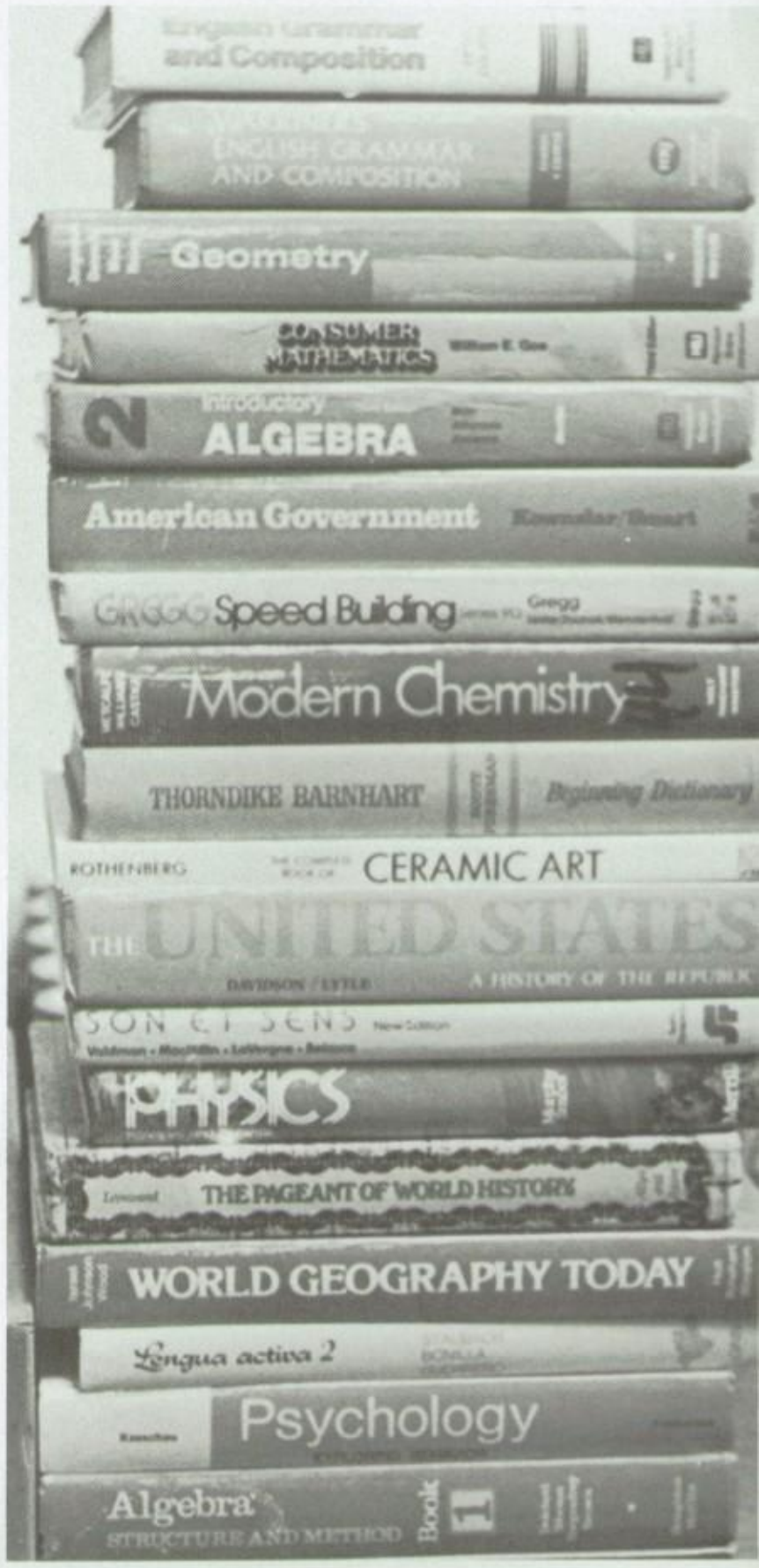
Mr. Zeka cleans up after messy students.

Dr. Warren, Mr. Zeka, and **Kelly Graham** discuss a problem.

Carol Acker - Language Arts
Jean Adams - Secretarial Practice
Barbara Arnold - Ineterperter
Mitchell Bean - Math
Donna Boatman - Physical Education
Skip Brock - Physical Education

Francis Brown - Language Arts
Carl Carlton - Spanish
Jim Brown - Science
Terry Chastine - Basic Skills
Carolyn Dale - I.S.D.
Kirk Diamond - Journalism

WOW! This one actually has toilet paper in it. Home work stacked from many students.

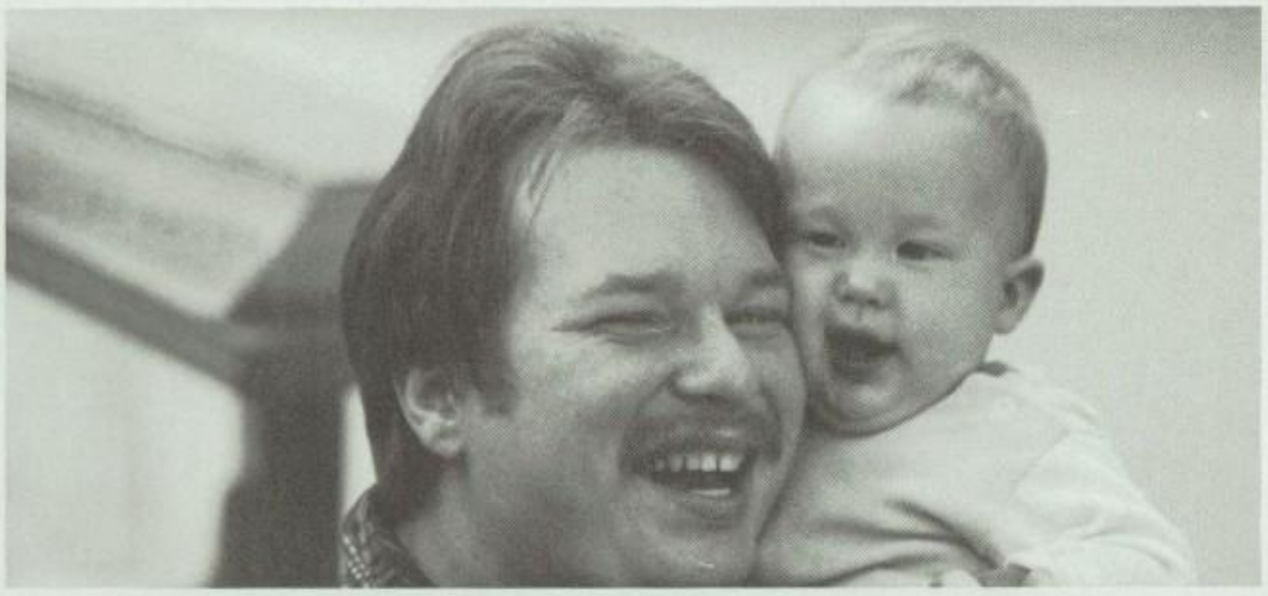


Real people

Each teacher at Memorial High is a special person with a special purpose of teaching the many and varied students. The teachers are hardworking people with only the best interests of the students at heart. Whether the subject is gym or Language Arts, a lot of preparation goes into each days agenda.

It takes years of training but as they see each student succeeding in college as well as in life, they feel the hard work is well worth the effort. Not only daily preparation but many years of college is part of being a teacher. For example, **Mrs. Dishman** and **Mr. Johnson** have a bachelor of Science Degree. **Mr. Hall** has a Bachelor of Science and his Masters degree in social studies. **Mr. Brown** has his Bachelor of Science in Physiology and his masters in Clinical Physiology. **Mrs. Cambell** had a B.S. in Journalism and her Masters in English. **Coach Lynch** went to Westpoint and **Mrs. Goade** has her Masters in English as well as her Masters in Education.

This just shows that our teachers are well educated people and are doing their best to make us so too.



Mrs. Schurman enjoys her summers by skiing.

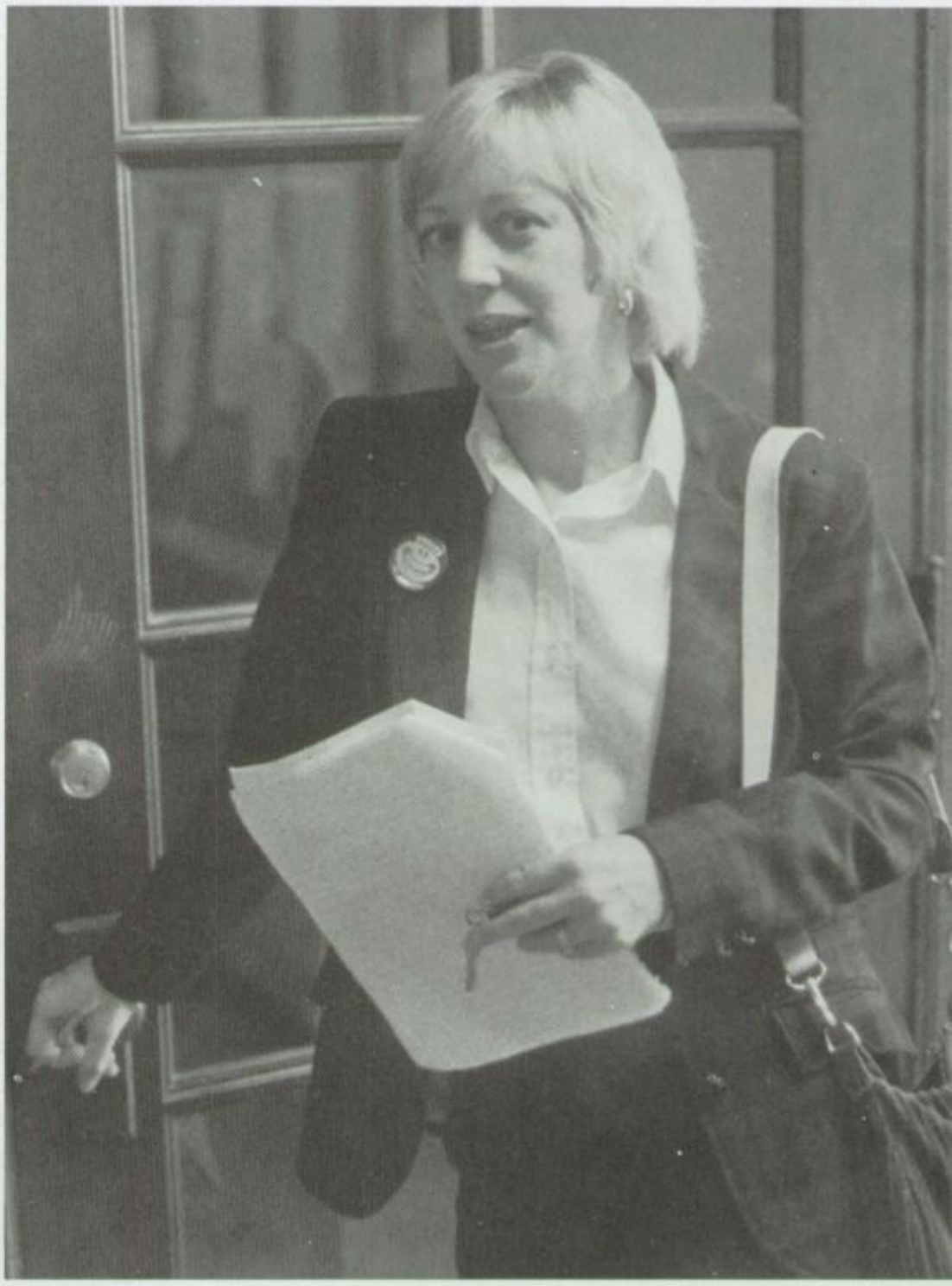
Goochie Goochie Goo . . .

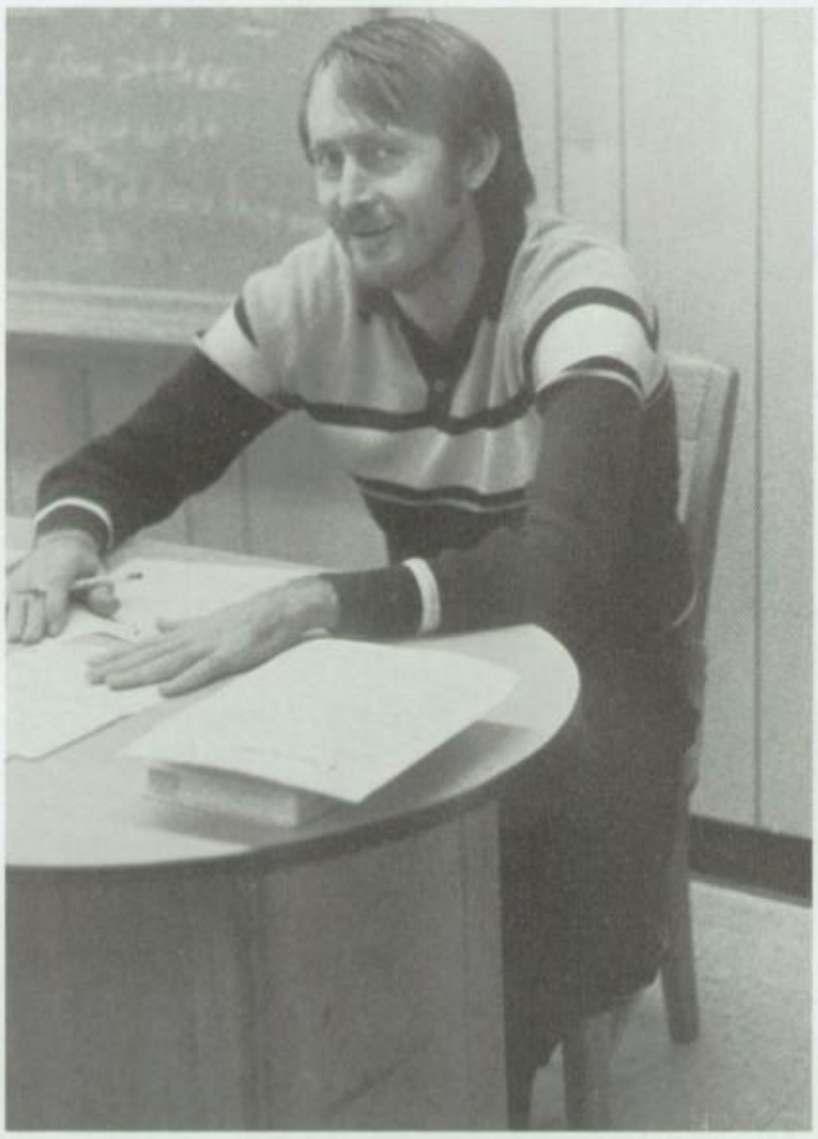
Marilyn Disman - Language Arts
Terry Ensor - Art
Wayne Gillman - Math
Bill Hall - Social Studies
Teresa Hill - Basic Skills
George Hilliard - Shop

Gina Hollandsworth - French
Adylyn Horst - Child Development
Jay Jensen - French
Margaret Johnson - Art
Joe Ketchum - Physical Education
Linda Koehler - Secretarial Practice

Cherrie Kuklentz - Physical Education
Wayne Lawson - Music
Ross Lauck - Science
Suzanne Murray - Basic Skills
Forest Nelson - History

Mary Sue Parrish - Basic Skills
Scott Pennington - Physical Education
Forrest Reed - Computer
Kenneth Rosch - Math
Joe Rowe - Language - Arts

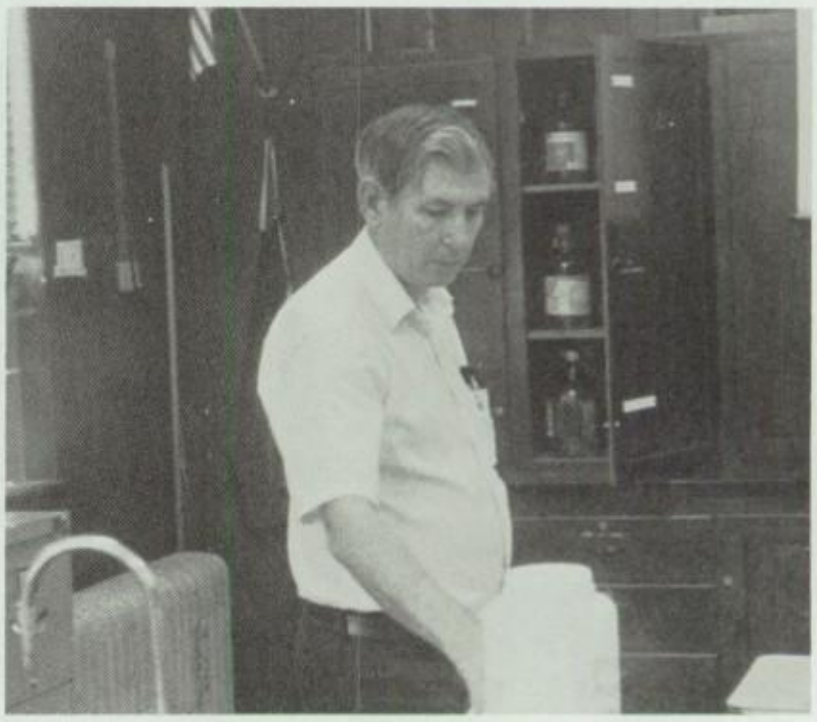




The administrators enjoy lunch.

Mrs. Acker leaves her class after a hard day.

Mr. Wood listens to the intercom.



Mrs. Hollandsworth lectures to her French class.

Mr. Hall shows his affection for students.

Mr. Stribling ponders a students response.

Mr. Brown enjoys time alone with his chemicals.

Jay Ruper - Math
Larry Sandborm - Music
Bonnie Schurman - Drama
Richard Spraly - Latin
Letha Taylor - Home Economics

Bud Townsend - Math
Eunices Turner - Interpreter
Jennifer Walls - Science
Margaret Wheeler - Art
Larry Wood - English

More than we knew

Who else but Memorials staff of fantastic secretaries could have kept our school running so smoothly?

Everyday from 7:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. our hardworking staff of five secretaries were here to assist us in anyway they could.

Students involved in any school organization and needed money for a school project would surely know **Mrs. Talbott. Mrs. Talbott** worked as book-keeper and as **Dr. Hudson's** secretary.

Mrs. Buchanan was the lady who always issued passes to leave or passes to get back into class. She also sold those much needed aspirin that helped us make it through the day.

Taking care of the lost and found was none other than **Mrs. Morrow.** But, the lost and found was only half of her job, she kept track of all of Memorials valuable text-books.

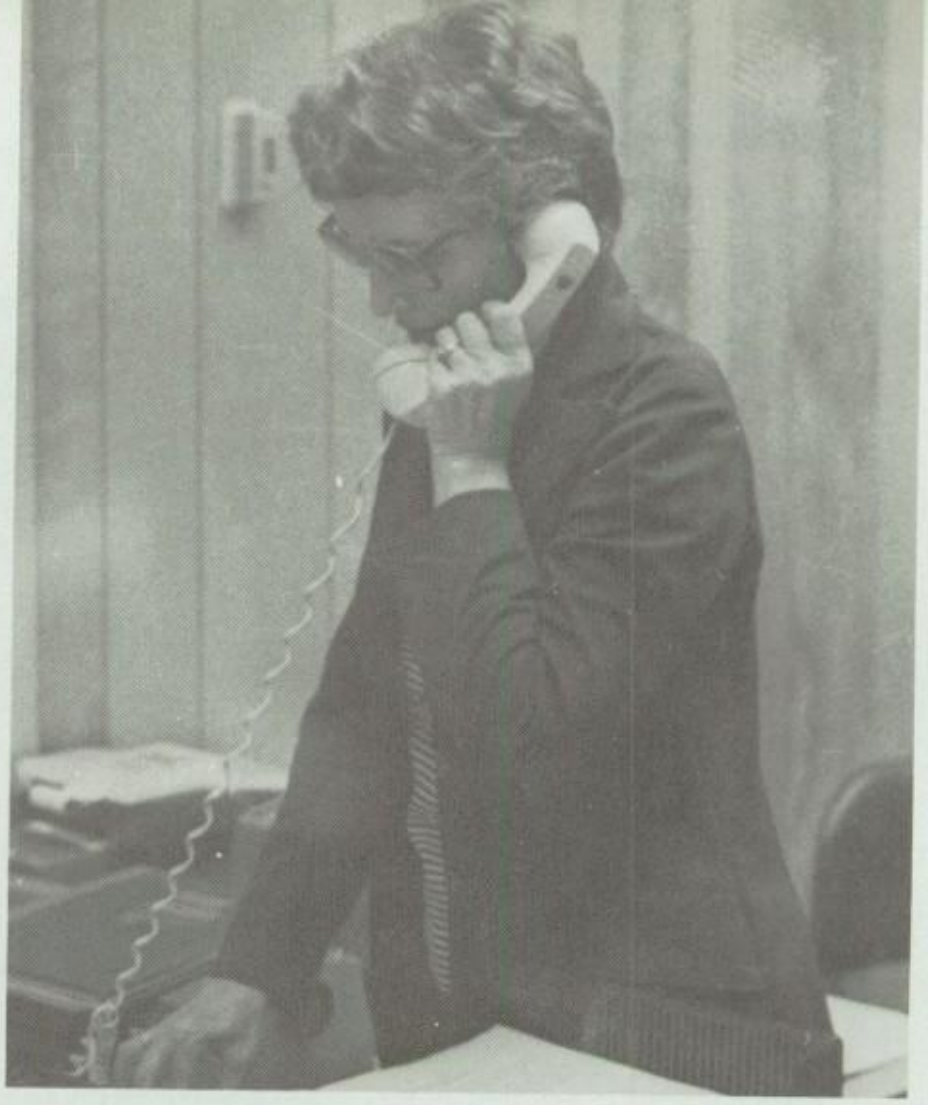
The announcements heard daily in 2nd and 6th hour, the assignment of lockers, and working as **Dr. Warren's** secretary were the jobs of **Mrs. Harlan.**

Mrs. Koeneke worked as the teacher's secretary. If a teacher discovered that they were sick, **Mrs. Koeneke** was the person to call to find a substitute. She was also the registrar and kept track of all student transcripts.

Mrs. Morrow usually takes care of textbooks but in **Mrs. Buchanan's** absence she answers the phone.

Mrs. Koeneke daily places mail in teachers mailboxes.

Mrs. Harlan gathers announcements to be read daily during 2nd and 6th hours.



Mrs. Talbott answers the phone and takes messages for **Dr. Hudson.**

Talking to a parent about excessive absences is **Mrs. Buchanan.**

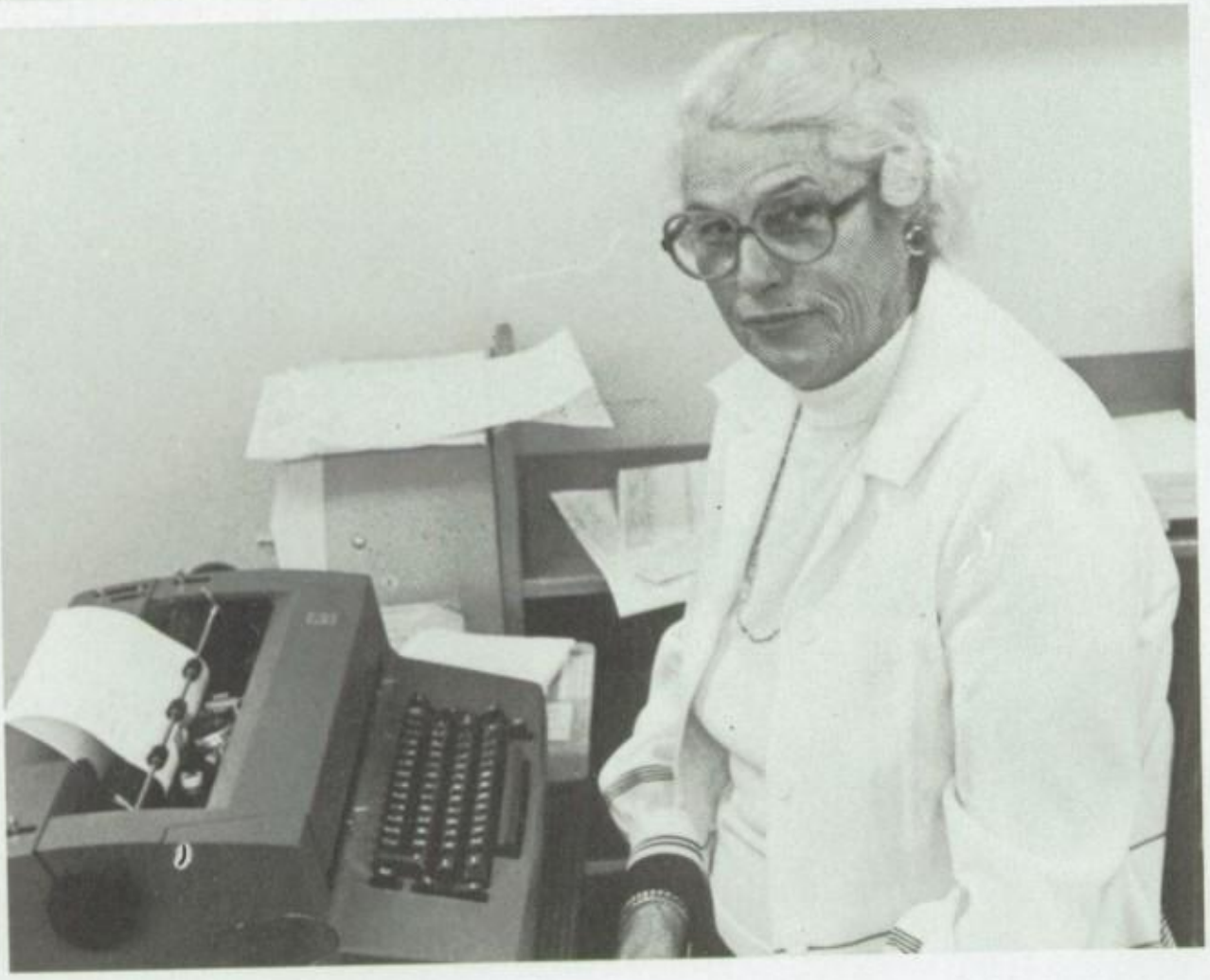
Mrs. Koeneke talks to a substitute teacher about coming in to work.

Guiding your life

The guidance counselors, **Mr. Gary Booth, Mr. Harry Glades,** and **Mrs. Diane Andris** have many jobs to keep the school year running smoothly. Their many jobs consist of scheduling, schedule changing, and senior credit checks (in an attempt to make sure every student graduates.) In addition they also were in charge of handling PSAT, ACT, and SAT tests for all students.

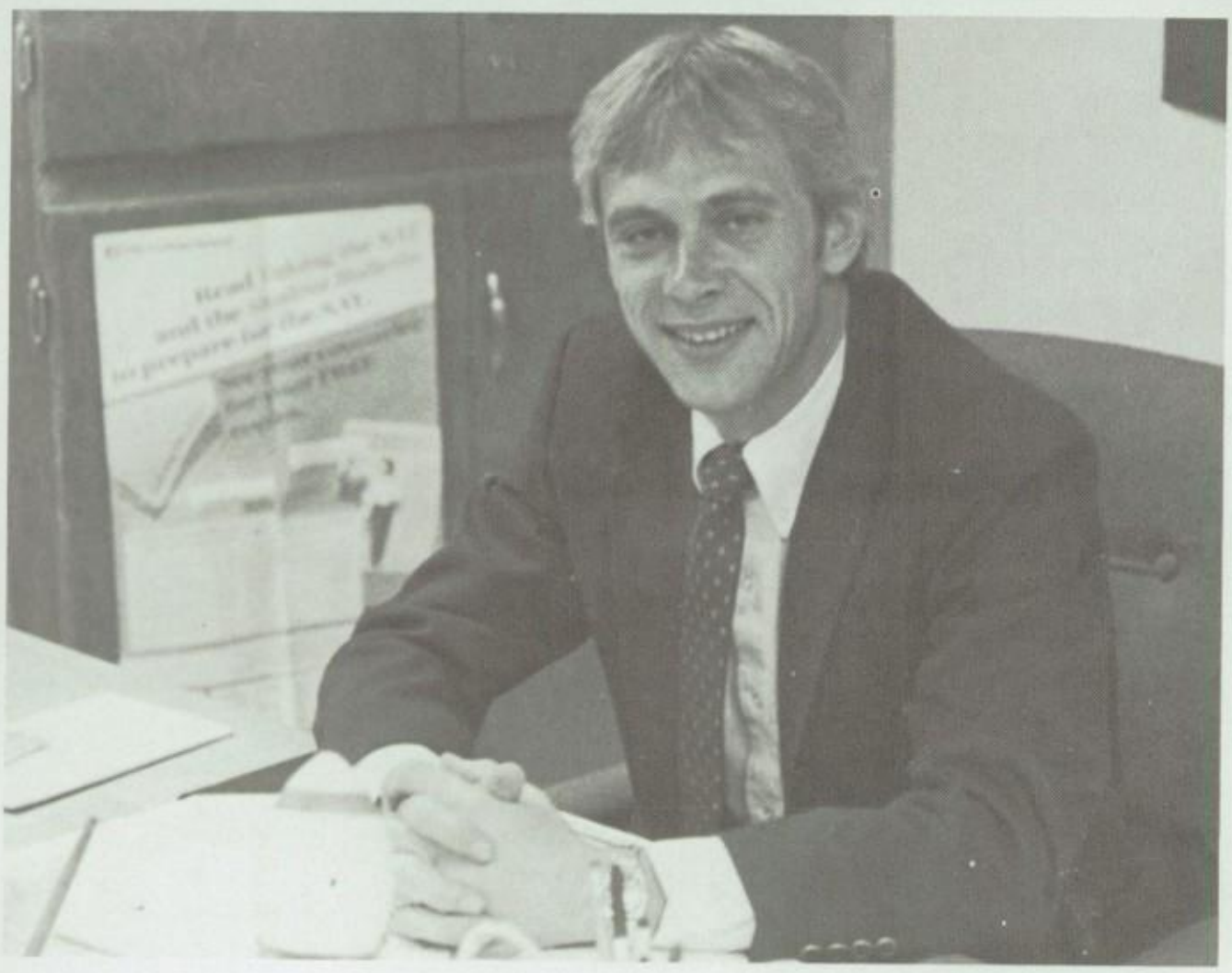
One thing that made this year easier for the counselors was the addition of a computer acquired over the summer which kept track of all schedules and gradecards which made schedule changing much easier as the counselors used to have to go through Missouri Southern's computers to have a schedule changed.

Mrs. Andris listens to **Landyn Roush's** reasons for wanting a schedule change, it had to be the teacher's fault.



Members of the Peer Counseling group worked with freshman students to help them adjust to the switch from junior to senior high. **Debbie Love, Traci Hertzberg, Jackie Bacus, Melissa Rodgers, Shell Simpson, Lee Hunt, Albert McGee, Roy Munch, Carl Cottrell.** Not pictured are **Jim Kendall, Debbie Reed** and **Sally Lea.**

Mrs. Feltych, who did all organization and typing work for the Guidance department, flashes a semi-smile for the camera.



Mr. Glades was always there to help a student with a problem.

Abbie Windle and **Christina Tumbow** wait to talk to **Mrs. Feltych** about an important problem.

Mr. Gary Booth, who counseled students with last names ending in H-O, takes time out of his busy schedule to smile for the camera.

Brackett: the end of an era

The 1983-84 school year was a year that will not soon be forgotten. Unfortunately, it marked the end of the long and brilliant career of a man who arrived here before we were even out of bed. This man went to extremes to see that when it was below zero outside that we were warm inside. He was the one who after a student puked up their respective lunch, made the carpet look as good as new. This was the man who shoveled snow so we would not fall on our bottoms. He was a man who gladly gave his advice when Dr. Hudson had administrative problems. This man, if you haven't guessed, is Memorial's own **Melvin Brackett.**

Although **Melvin** won't actually retire until January 1985, this was his last full year. **Melvin** has been here longer than Memorial itself. He was here the year before Memorial opened its doors directing the duties of the construction workers. Since then he has held the title of "Head Engineer."

Other custodians were: **David Guilford, James Atwell, Bill Dutton, Carl Head, Carl Wunderlin, Albert Rhoades, Bob Cross, and Ron Wallace.**

Those wonderful lunches that we were blessed with during the year were something we will never forget. The great ladies who provided us with those treasured gourmet dishes were: **Edith Crowell,** (manager), **Marilynn Barner, Peggy Brock, Terry Durden, LaVerne Howerton, Nora Russell, Irma Thurman, and Roxanna Yost.**

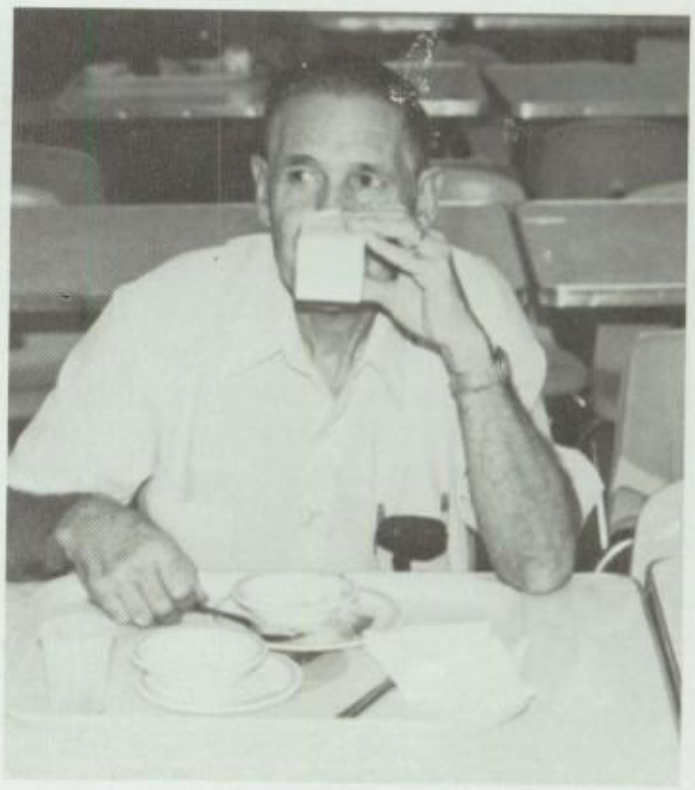
Melvin fiddles.

Melvin practically lived at M.H.S.

Melvin's off to another "golden day".

Melvin kept our cafeteria clean and sweet-smelling, well, at least clean.

Melvin clears the sidewalks of the previous nights blizzard.



Some say **Melvin** is the greatest locksmith in Missouri.

Even legends must eat.

Melvin stands proudly next to his Lincoln Town Car.

Bill Dutton is not impressed by Melvin's car.

Neither is **David Guilford.**

Melvin demonstrates his artistic talents.

Cooks **Terry Durden** and **Irma Thurman** show that team work is necessary to create Memorial's gourmet dishes.

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The library served as many things besides being a room downstairs. The library was a place where students could come in early before school or during lunch to finish up the homework that wasn't finished the night before.

There to help us find books or magazine articles were **Mrs. Joleyne Holman** and **Mrs. Doke.** These ladies were also in charge of ordering and processing books and putting them back in their proper places. Also working in the library as well as the cafeteria was **Mrs. Dorothy Wunderlin. Mrs. Wunderlin** was in charge of the audio-visual equipment.

And last but not least is our own nurse, **Mrs. Barbara Pim. Mrs. Pim** had the job of treating the sick and wounded in our school. Keeping records on every students' shots was also her responsibility.

Mrs. Eunice Turner and **Mrs. Barbara Arnold** helped out as aides in the special education department.

Mrs. Barbara Arnold is relating a message to one of her students.

Mrs. Doke is busy checking to see if everyone has their books in on time.

Titia Watson tries to finish her homework before school starts.

Mrs. Turner waits for the bell to go to **Kelly Packard's** next class.

Mrs. Holman rests before the morning rush appears.

Mrs. Wunderlin can often be found in her office, in the library, if not in the cafeteria.

School nurse, **Mrs. Pim,** treats a patient with a band-aid.

Communication is the key

The Language Arts Department at Memorial worked together to help educate its students in the art of communication. Teaching the students to read with understanding and appreciation, to write clearly, and to speak with ease and accuracy were some of the main goals of our language arts teachers.

For any student at Memorial there is a required three years of language arts.

In Language Arts I the students continue their education in grammer and word usage. During this year there is also an extensive library unit designed to acquaint the students with the vast amount of reference and resource material found in the library. After these courses and a literature unit the students are required to participate in several research activities.

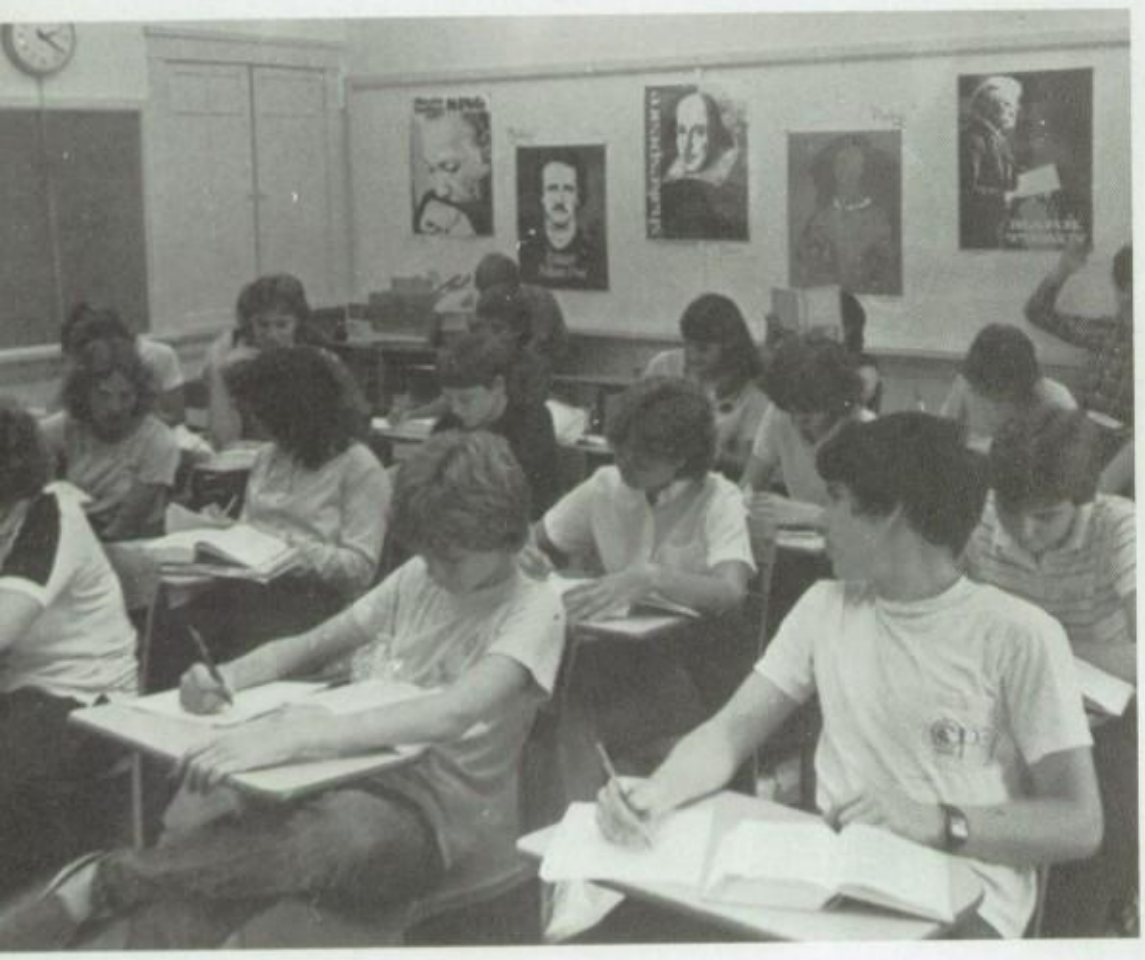
In Language Arts II more emphasis is put on the reading and written work. In this course students are given the opportunity to improve their skills in reading, interpretation, analyzation and essay. The students are also taught a continuing unit of grammar.

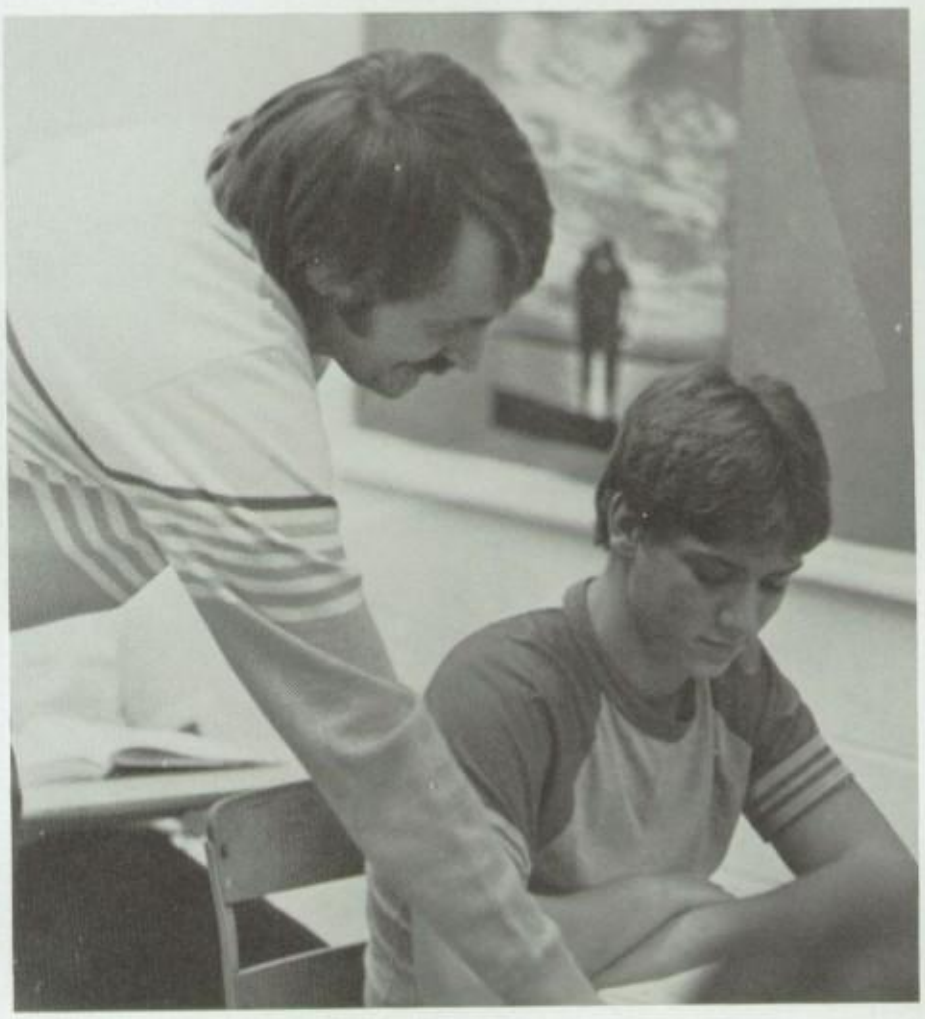
The Language Arts III course concentrates on a survey of American Literature. In this survey students review different types of American Literature such as non-fiction, short stories, novels poetry and drama. Correct grammar usage is developed through reading, writing and discussion.

A college prep course was also offered in place of Language Arts III for qualifying students. In this course literary analysis, formal composition and research were emphasized in hopes of preparing students for a college education.

Remedial classes were offered for all three Language Arts courses. All three remedial classes were modeled after the general language arts courses but were geared to abilities below grade level.

Memorial's Language Arts department consists of eight outstanding teachers. **Mr. Joe Rowe,** the head of the Launguage Arts Department, **Mrs. Carol Acker, Mrs. Francis Brown, Mr. Kirk Diamond, Mrs. Marilyn Dishman, Mrs. Virginia Campbell,** and **Mr. Larry Wood.**



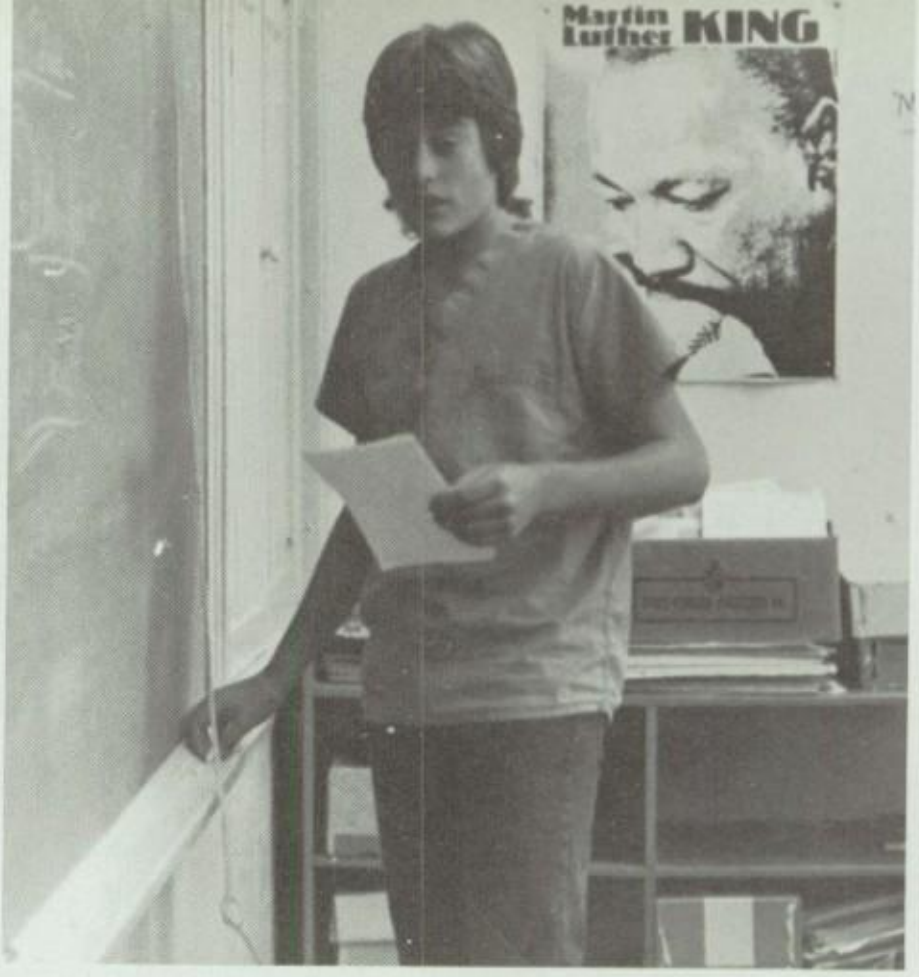


Headlines revealed pressing issues in education.

Language Arts I students work diligently.

Mr. Wood lends a helping hand.

Mr. Rowe contemplates an idea.



Mrs. Dishman offers help to freshman, **Deanne Turner, Chuck Head,** freshman, makes a correction on the board.

Jason Graham, freshman, learns the art of typing early.

Mrs. Goade's bulletin board reveals insight to **F. Scott Fitzgerald's** literary work.

Laura Potts and **Terri Jacobson** spent many hours constructing their independent project.

L. A. electives offer variety

In addition to the required Language Arts courses a variety of Language Arts electives were offered.

Creative writing, taught by **Mrs. Carol Acker** involved various types of writing including short stories, poetry, personal narrations, essays and plays. Students were encouraged to write in and out of class and to keep a record of daily happenings and insights in a personal journal. Hopefully, after participating in this course, the students had discovered new avenues of self-expression.

Short story, taught by **Mrs. Francis Brown**, traced the evolution and development of the short story from Aesop, Chaucer and other classics.

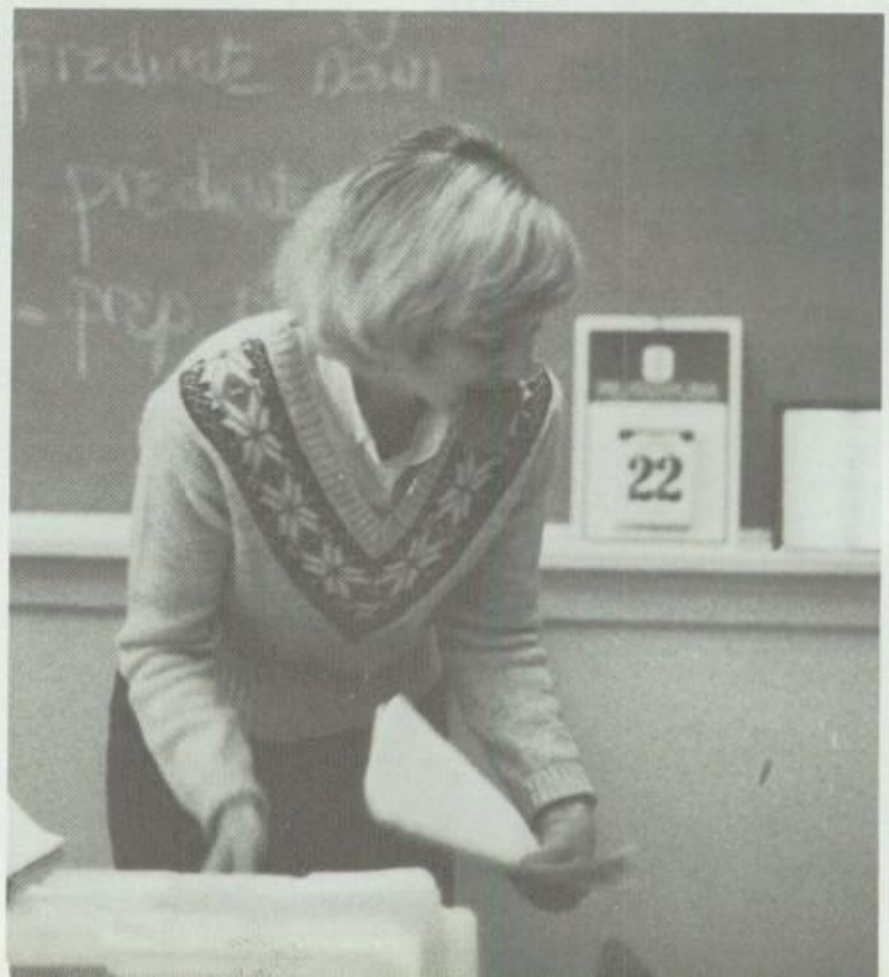
World literature, English literature and composition and grammar were also electives offered. These courses were taught by **Mrs. Virginia Campbell** and **Mr. Joe Rowe.**

The Language Arts teachers assume the poses of their favorite students.

Cheryl Barringer, not Humpty Dumpty, went to the wall for creative thoughts.

"Well, if you left your paper on my desk, it's gone now," was one of **Mrs. Goade's** famous sayings.

Tracy Gilmore instructs her class on conflict



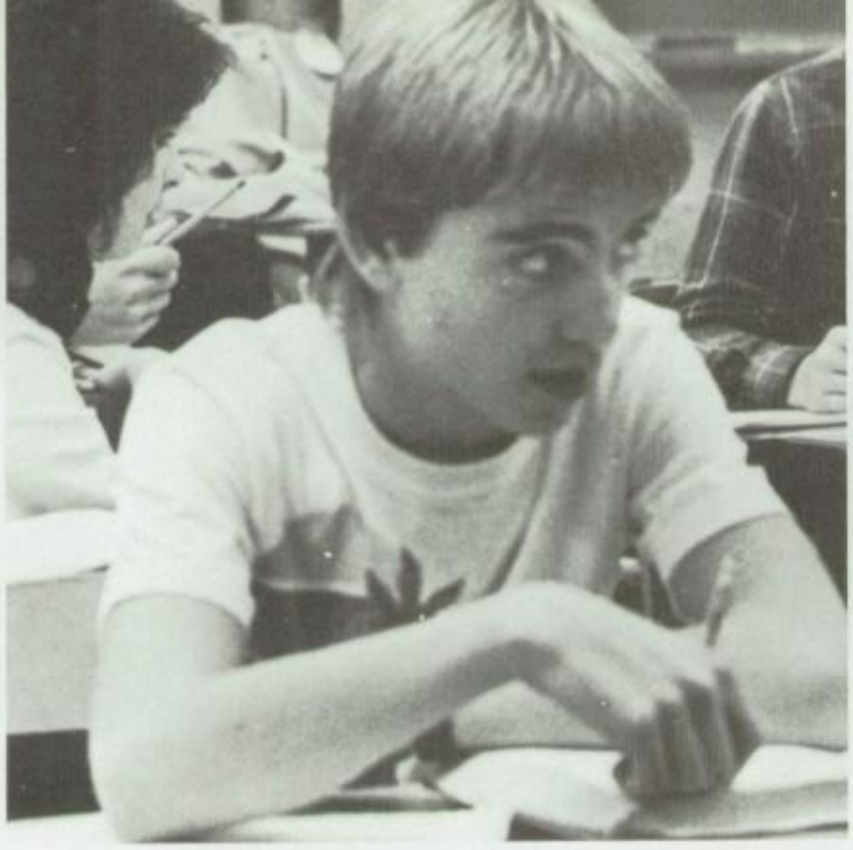
Creative Writing class went to new heights in creative thought.

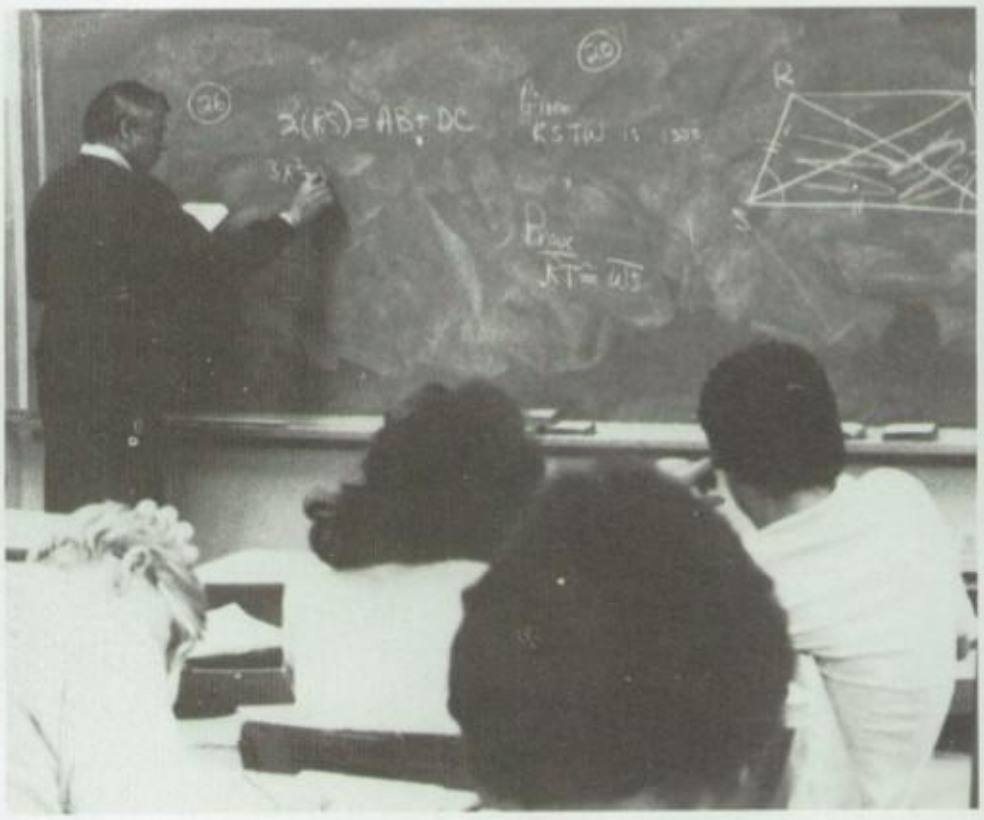
Mrs. Brown converses with her 6 hour class.

"You mean you're taking my picture again?" said **Mrs. Dishman**

Mrs. Acker stresses organization.

Sincerely





Robby Wier asked **Mr. Roach** his usual question "Do we have homework again?"

Mr. Roach explained geometry problems to "eager to learn" students.

Jamie Douglas and **Melodee Colbert** celebrated Christmas in geometry with tinsel in their hair

Shari Leach worked hard on her algebra assignment, but what was **Michele Wolfe** doing?

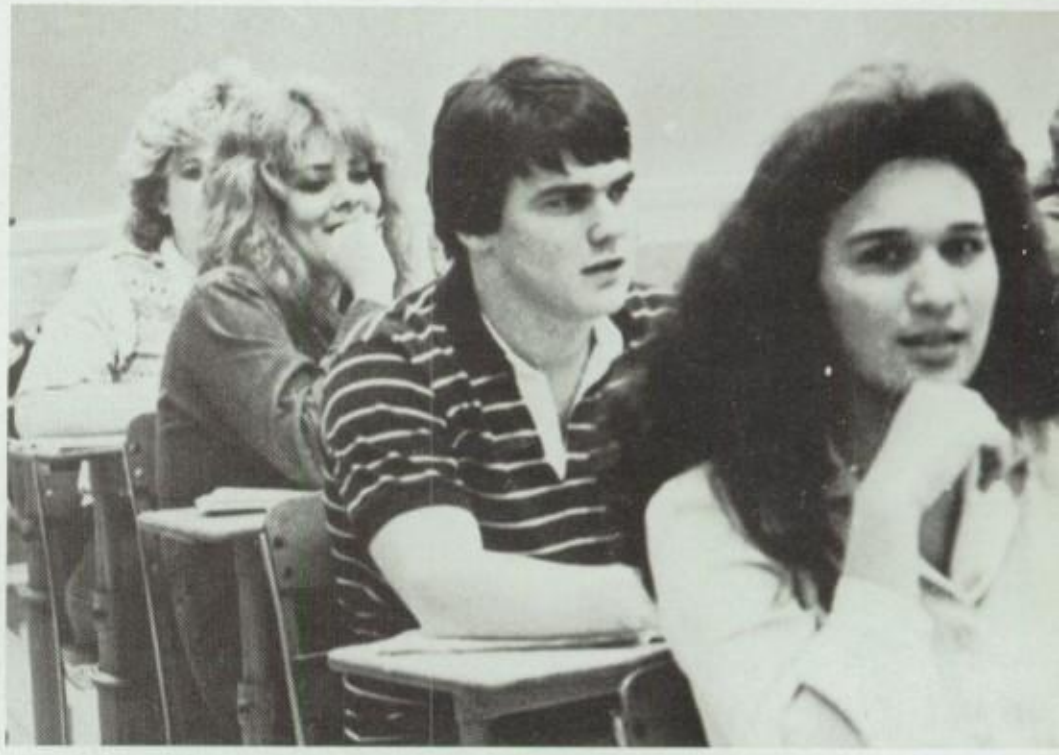
Melinda Piller works diligently on her math.

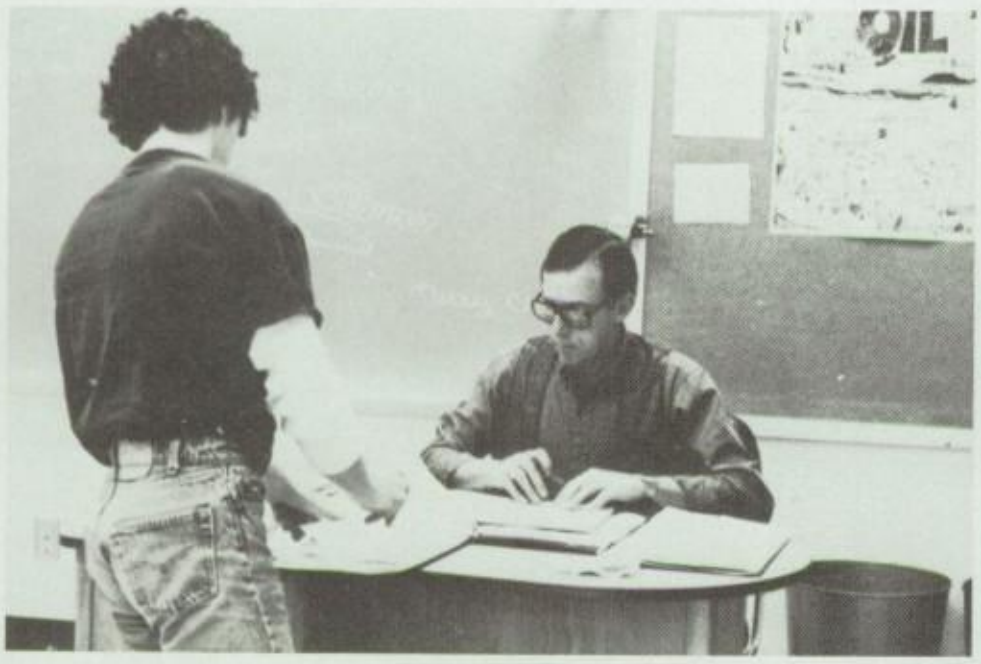
The future belong to math

Many students in high school felt little or no need for math, but **Mr. Roach** saw it in quite a different way, "We are in the age of electronics. Our students today must have greater knowledge of math and science than their parents. To see this, look in a modern home today, microwave ovens, home computers, T. V. recorders, disc players, video games, and many more things that didn't exist a few years ago. We are going to need more engineers, teachers, and technicians in the coming years."

Memorial offered a variety of math classes which included functional math, math 1A, basic algebra, consumer math, algebra 1, geometry, algebra 2, and math analysis with trigonometry.

Head of the math department was **Mr. Mitchell Bean** who taught algebra 2 and math analysis. Other full-time math teachers were **Mr. Wayne Gillman,** Algebra 1 and basic Algebra; and **Mr. Kenneth Roach,** geometry. Part-time math teachers were **Craig Lynch, Bud Townsend, Jim Brown,** and **Jay Rupar.**

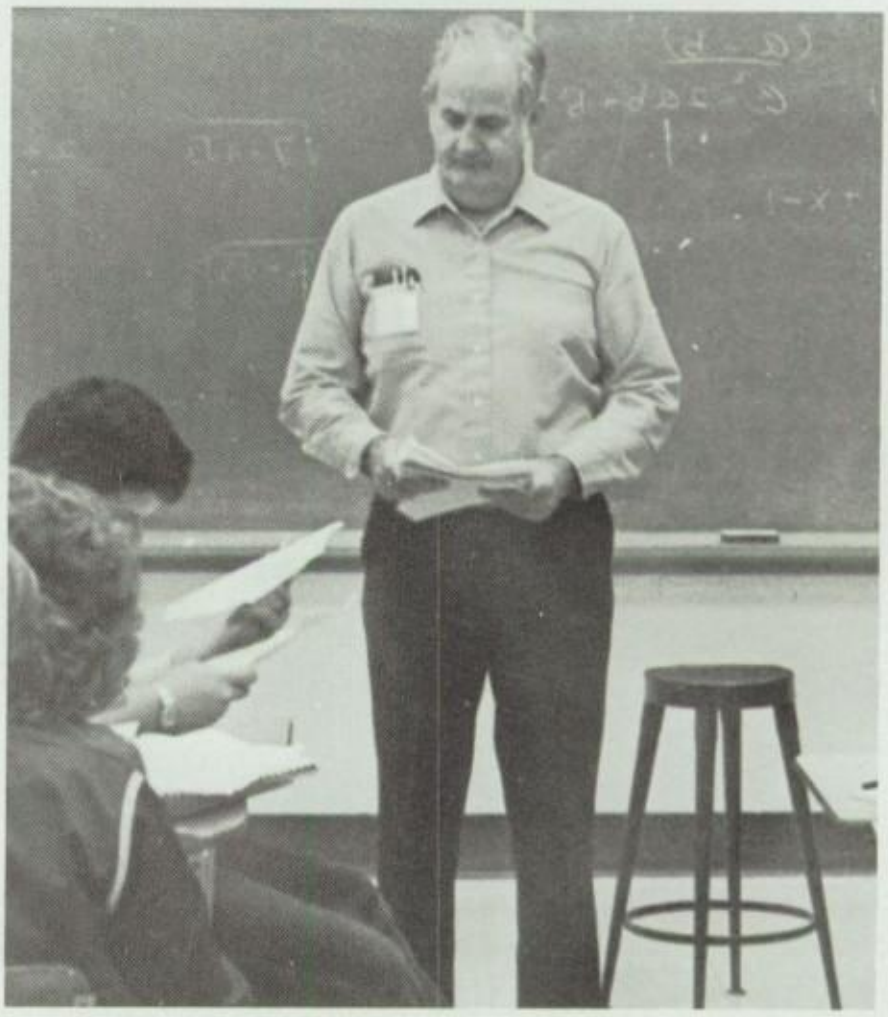




Students prepare to take notes during **Mr. Bean's** class.

Mr. Gillman got ready to grade his weekly tests.

Mr. Bean hands back homework assignments.

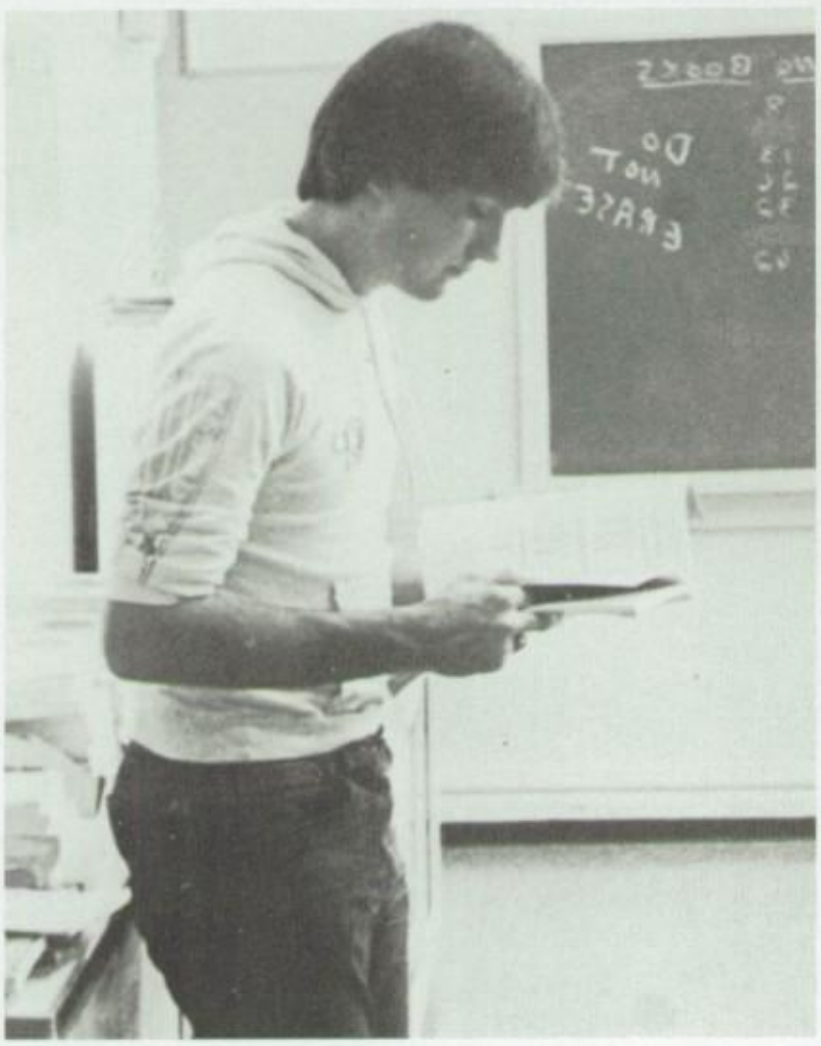


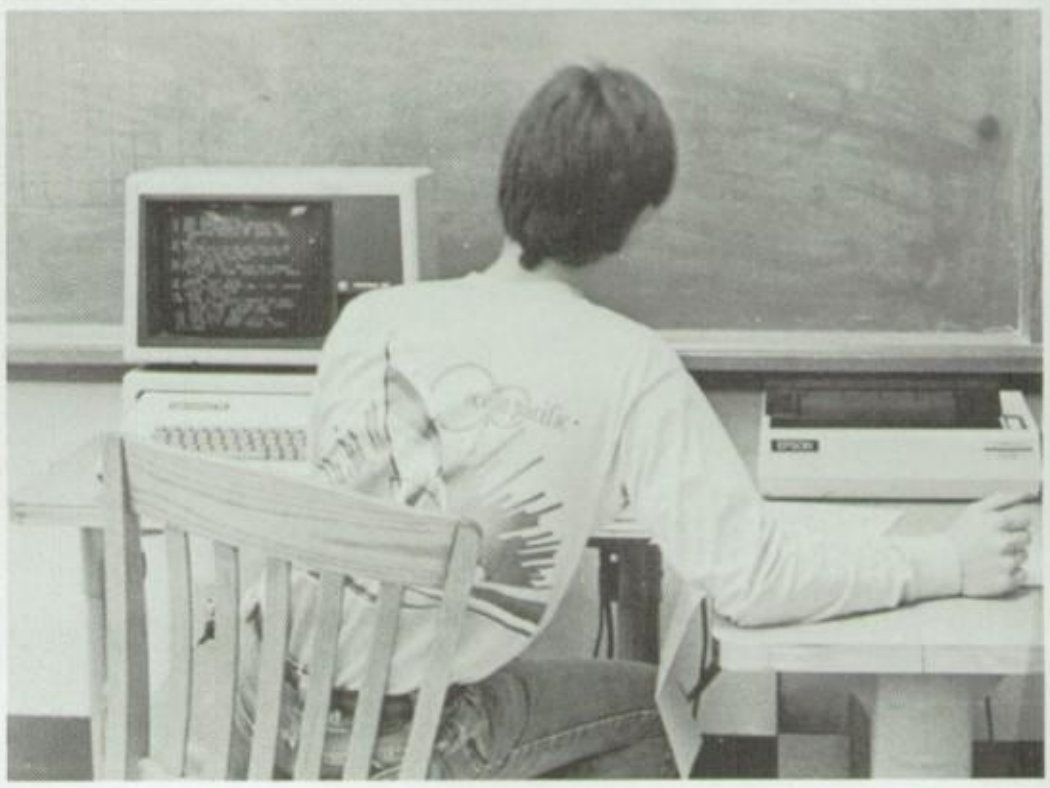
More than numbers

"A lot of math applications are necessary with the use of a computer, but. much of what we do is learning techniques of programming that can be used in business, math, and other general type applications. We try to make the student recognize that there is more to programming than just math and big numbers. That is the purpose of Computer Programming." Stated Mr. Forrest Reed, Computer Programming teacher at Memorial High School.

Writing programs, making flowcharts, quizzes, computer articles, and tests outlined the work for computer classes. Assigned programs were designed to do everything from taking a list of letters, printing them in reverse order and then in original form to listing the first 39 odd numbers, odd squares, and even cubes.

Computers were the up and coming way of life. These classes were very beneficial to all who participated in them.

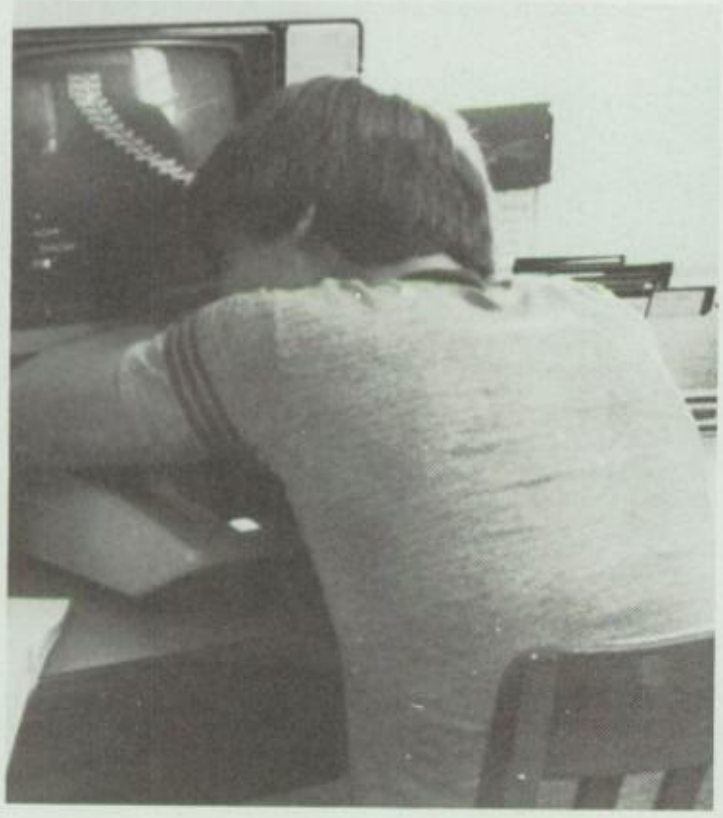


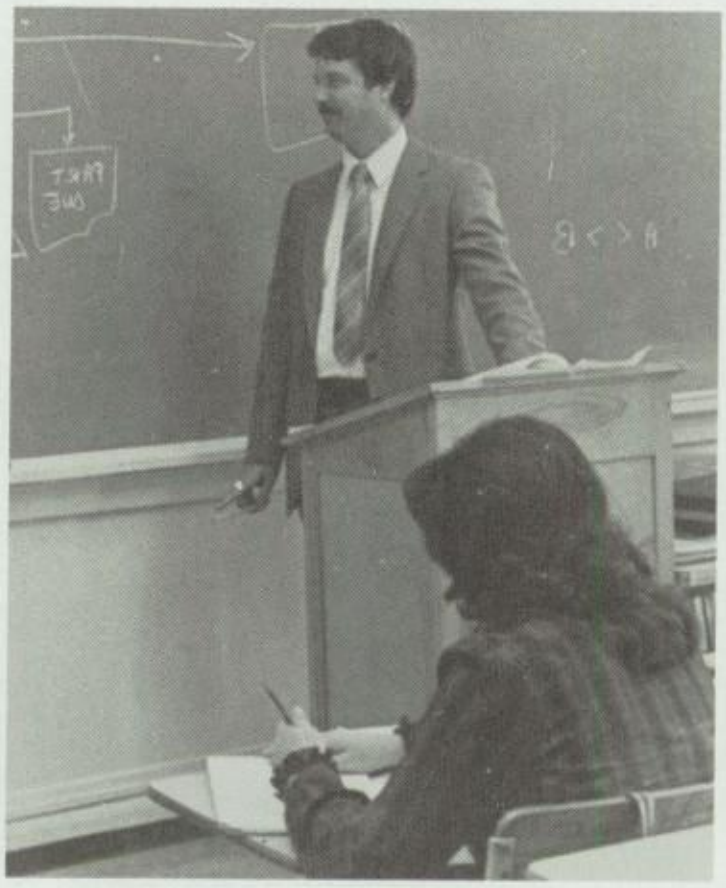


Debra Clopton shows off her computer graphics.

Nathan Tate looks up much needed information to figure out a program.

Computer whiz, **Tom Bell**, works on the Math Dept. computer during his independent study.





Students relax during class.

Brett Sterley works diligently on his program.

Leslie Enlow found it difficult to stay awake during his computer time.

Mr. Reed explained difficult programs to his students.

Present Einsteins

In most schools, students look forward to their respective science classes about as much as they would look forward to a trip to the dentist.

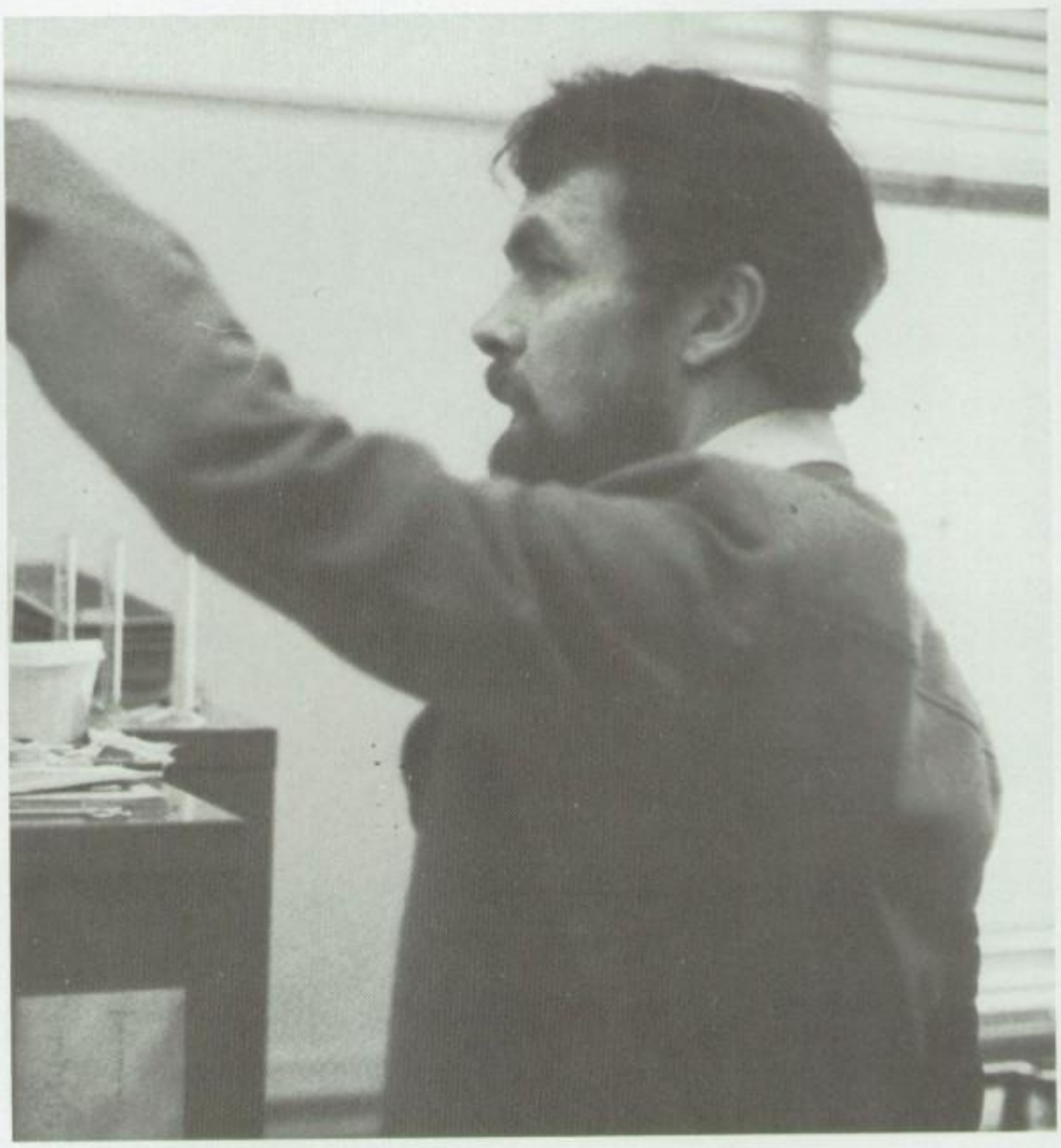
However, the science department at Memorial strived to differ from other schools and thus, increased student interest and most importantly, have the students get most of their selected course of study.

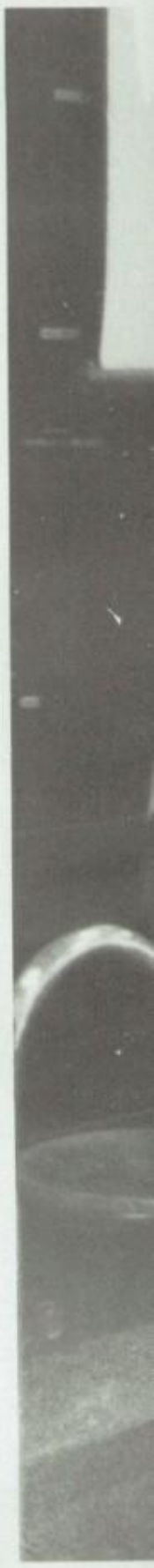
Coaches, **Ivan Chambers** and **Skip Brock,** were in charge of getting the science minded student off to a good start in general science. **Ross Lauck** and newcomer, **Jennifer Walls,** instructed two periods of general science. **Mrs. Walls** doubled as a biology teacher for one hour a day as well.

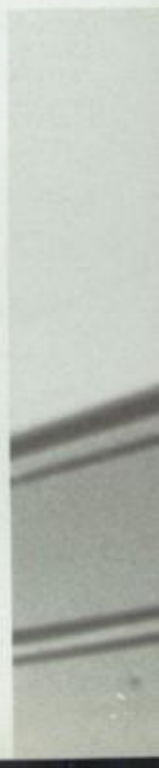
The entire science department was organized by **Mr. Galen McKinley. Mr. McKinley** was the chief biology teacher, instructing four hours a day, plus a single hour of advanced biology.

For the extremely science minded student, **Mr. Jim Brown** offered the overly interesting courses of chemistry and advanced chemistry. Chemistry was a basic introduction into the subject dealing mainly with the study of the atom.

Physics was the ultimate challenge in the science field at Memorial. Taught by **Mr. Jay Rupar,** physics studied energy and its sources.







Mr. McKinley tends to some equipment in biology.

Mr. Brown definitely has the makings of an advanced chemistry teacher

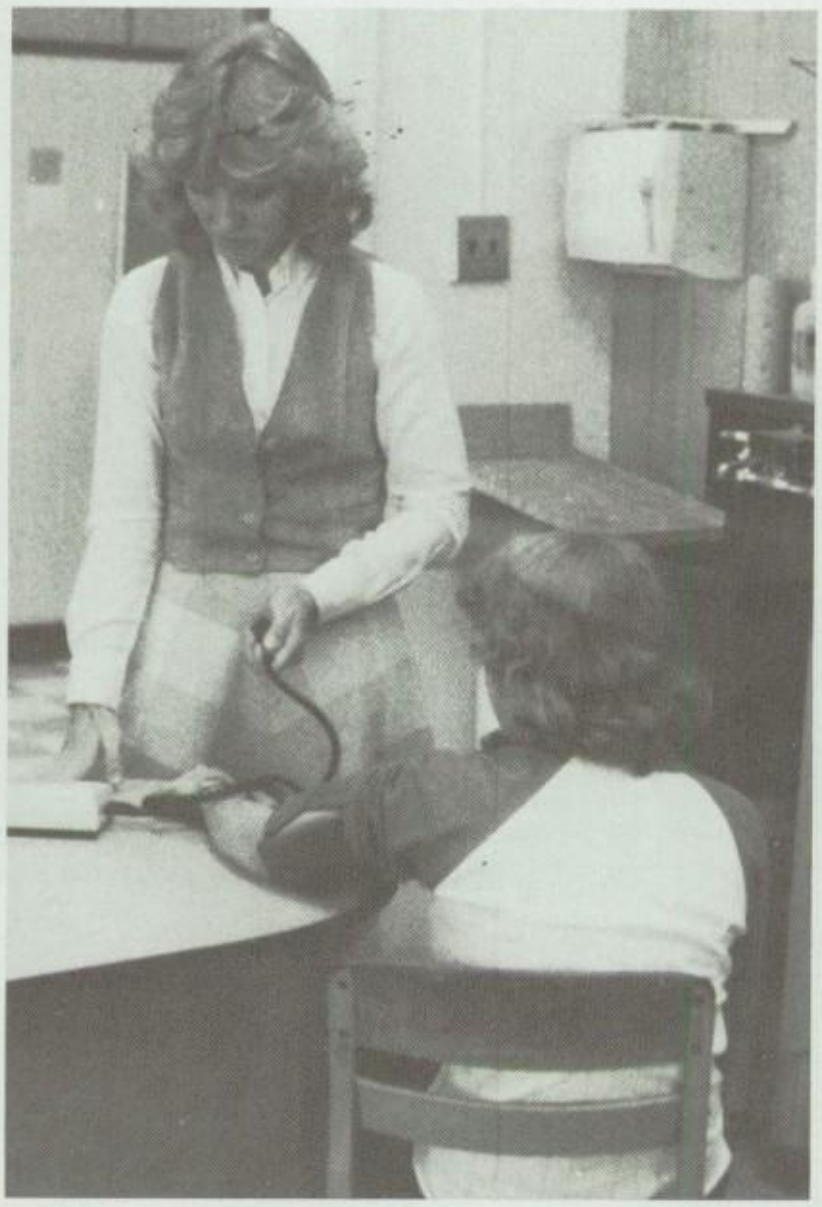
Mr. Skip Brock gives his rendition of "Skip to My Lou, My Darling."

Mr. Ruper shows **Andy Fetterman** who is the boss in Room 307.

After seeing this students test score, **Mrs. Walls** takes her pulse to make sure she was alive.

Mr. Ivan Chambers gives one of many interesting lectures to his General Science class.

Besides teaching general science, **Mr. Lauck** doubled as Coordinator of Computer Services for Joplin R-VIII Schools.



Future Einsteins

To graduate from Memorial, students were required to have at least one credit of science. Most chose general science at the freshmen level because it was usually thought of as the easiest and they wanted to get it over with as well. **Anne Tapanna,** a dedicated freshman scientist, had another important reason. As she puts it, "I took general science because I heard that **Mr. Chambers** was the best teacher at Memorial.

Sometimes when students weren't feeling well, they signed up for more advanced and precise courses such as biology or chemistry. Sophomore **Mark Edmondson** claims he took biology, "because I like to dissect animals." Maybe when **Mark** grows up and is a big boy he will be a brain surgeon . . . Nah!

Chemistry was the study of the atom, at least when **Mr. Brown** wasn't making a miniature volcano or creating some other unspeakable potion.

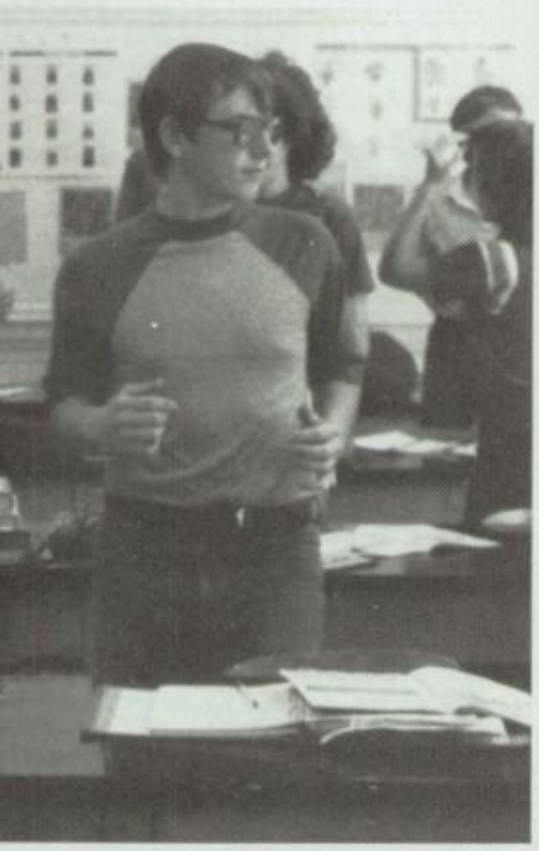
Advanced chemistry, advanced biology and physics were also offered, but such a wide variety of unbelievably important knowledge is gained in these courses that it would be impossible to even begin to describe them.

In advanced biology during spare time, students prepared gourmet dishes.

General science students jog in place when **Mr. Chambers** isn't looking.

Mr. Brock helps a troubled **Jackie Wright.**

Darin Hertzberg becomes irritated as **Jamie Douglas** keeps trying to copy his answers.



Larry Stuart shows his new brand of hair tonic.

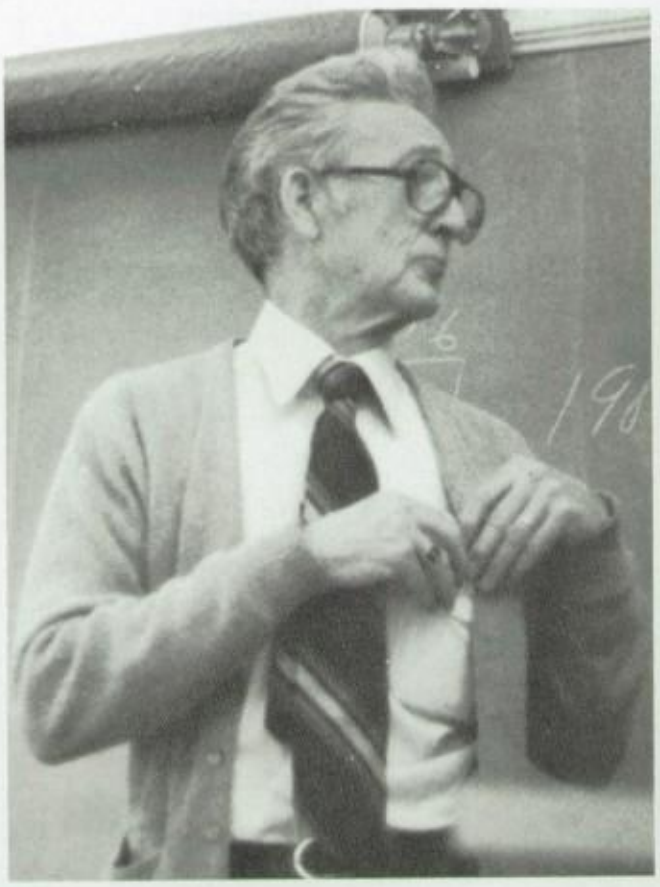
Wayne Cooper practices his skills as a home run hitter during chemistry.

Pete Box adds CO_2 to an experiment in chemistry.

What was then, is now

In the Memorial social studies department, some things never changed; as in the year of 83-84 and far back into the past. There will and always will be long lectures, films, long worksheets and long text readings.

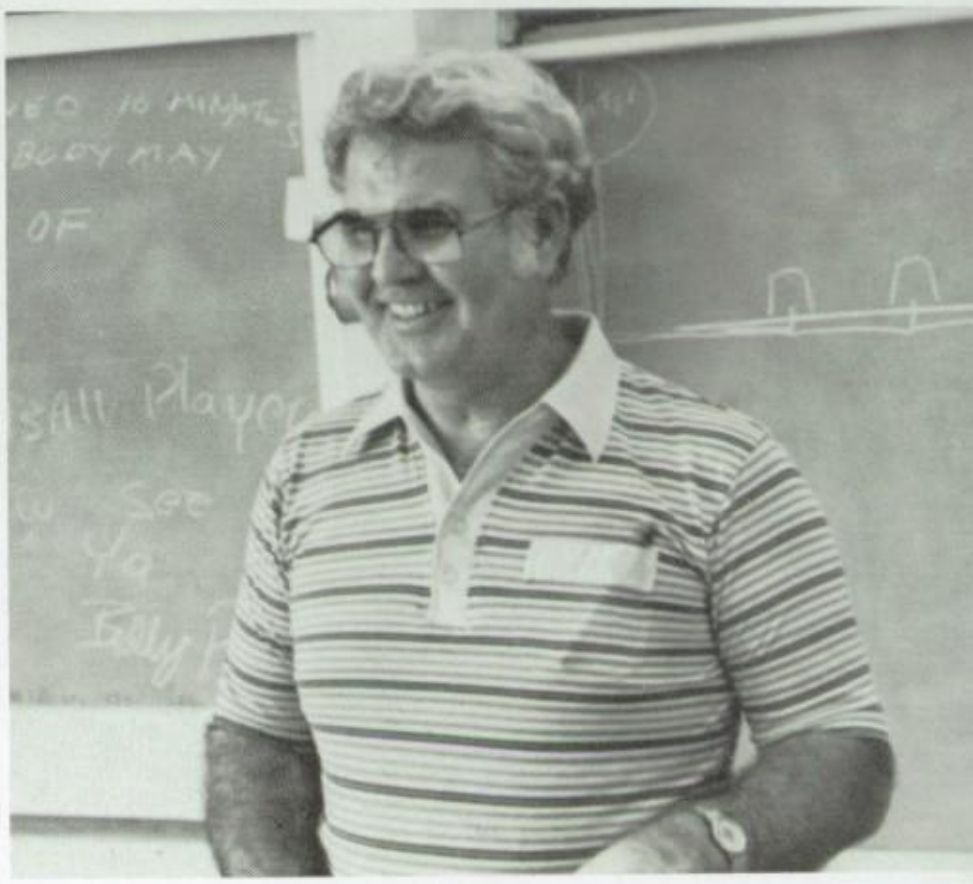
Mrs. Lee Faaborg, Mrs. Betty Robinson, Mr. Bill Hoffman, Mr. Larry Beard, Mr. Bob Johnson, Mr. Forest Nelson, and **Mr. Joe Ketchum** comprised the social studies staff. The course they taught which enriched our knowledge included geography, history, government, psychology, and sociology.



Mr. Nelson pauses to discuss another aspect of Reaganomics.

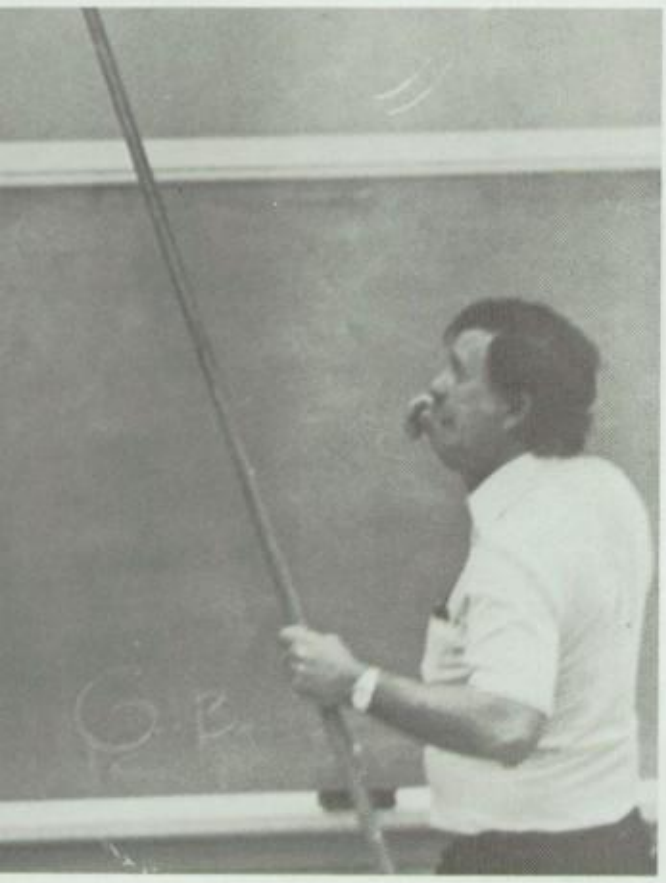
Mr. Hoffman attempts to shoo an unwelcome visitor in his American history room during a first hour class.

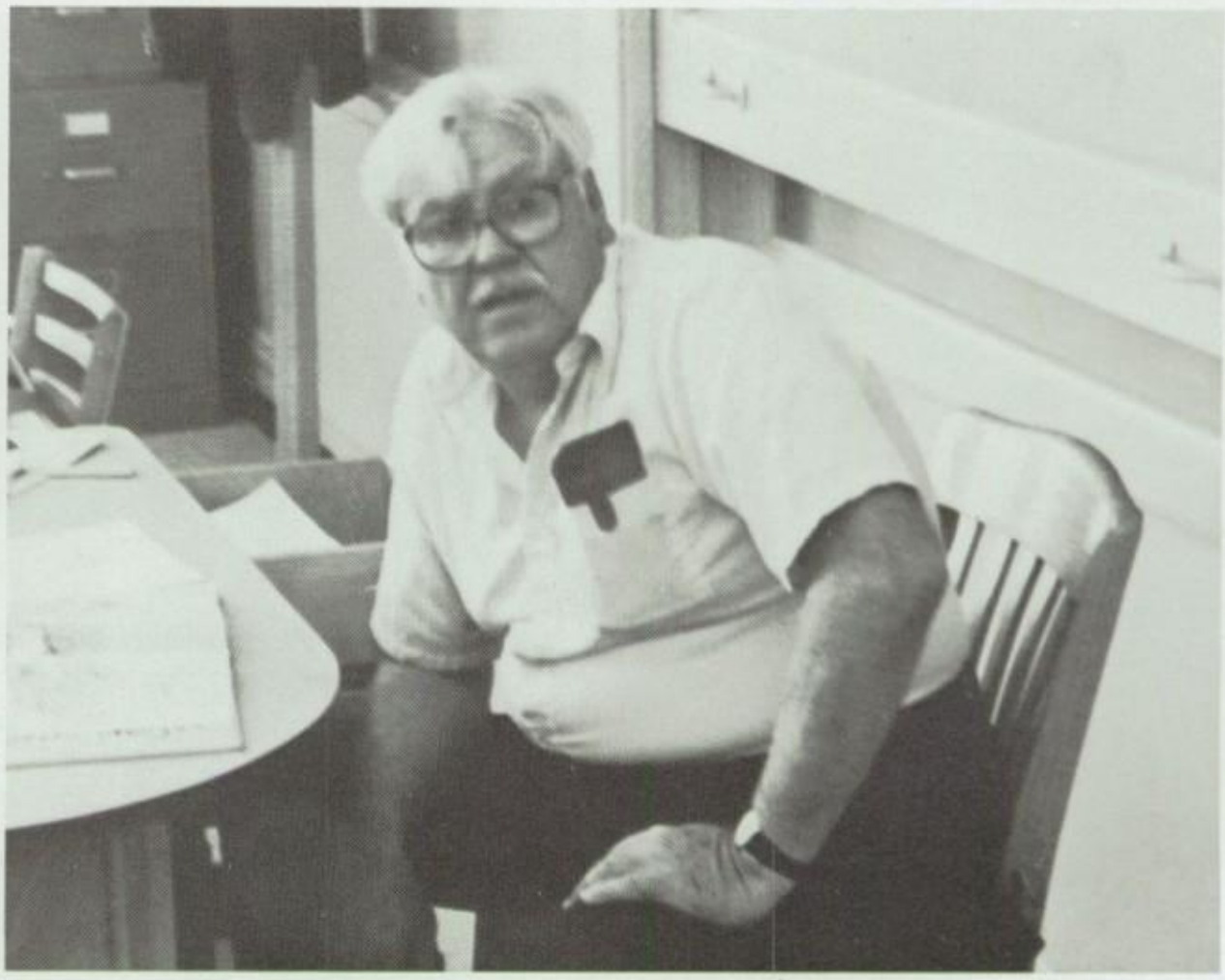
Mr. Beard kept us alive and ticking with all his illustrious and memorable lectures.

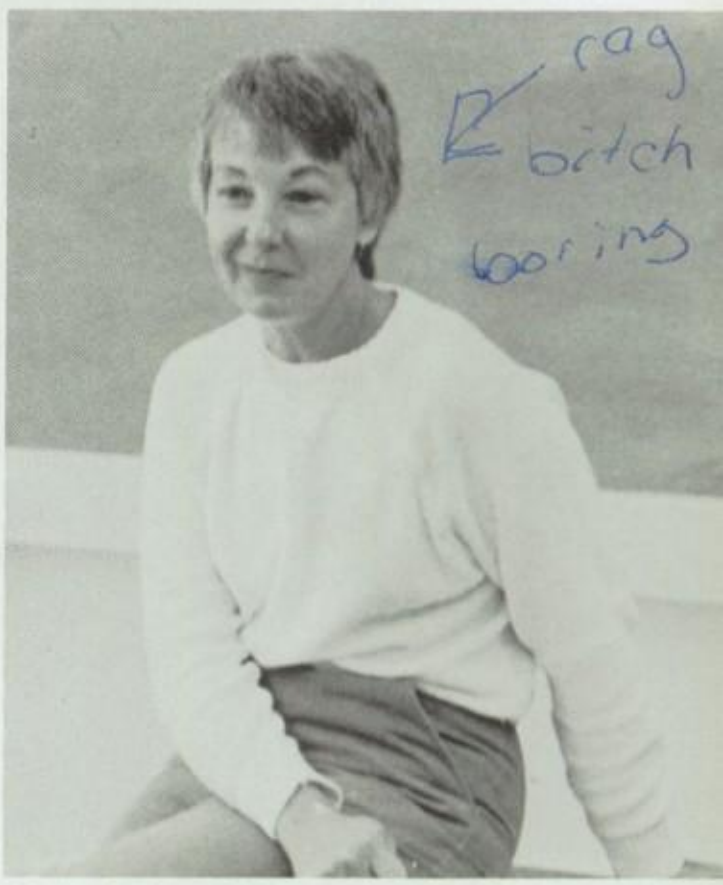


Although **Mr. Hall** did not always keep order in his classes, he always kept students' attention through interesting stories.

Mr. Joe Ketchum kept his classes entertained with interesting and important, as well as entertaining, films.







Mr. Johnson kept order in the classroom, in the halls and wherever he felt students might be up to sneaky business, while at the same time not letting a single hair get out of place.

Mrs. Robinson, as one can tell, was not in a good mood on the day of this picture, but it's not easy to lecture for five hours straight.

Mrs. Lee Faaborg, who taught social studies survey during the morning hours at Memorial, listens attentively to a student.

Head

Social Studies means . . .

Social Studies meant different things to different people, but one thing students agreed upon was the fact that it was a lot of work. The social studies department offered many courses to students, but the first two years of social studies were determined by the student.

When students took social studies courses they not only learned about their own past, but also learned about the possibilities of their future. Students also learned about people of the past, and what they did to earn a place in history.

The social studies department helped students by teaching them about the society in which they lived, including the present day government and prominent leaders of the time.

Taking social studies helped students to better understand changes in society after they were out of high school.

Lee Hunt is given the job of film projector operator, its a tough job but somebody has to do it.

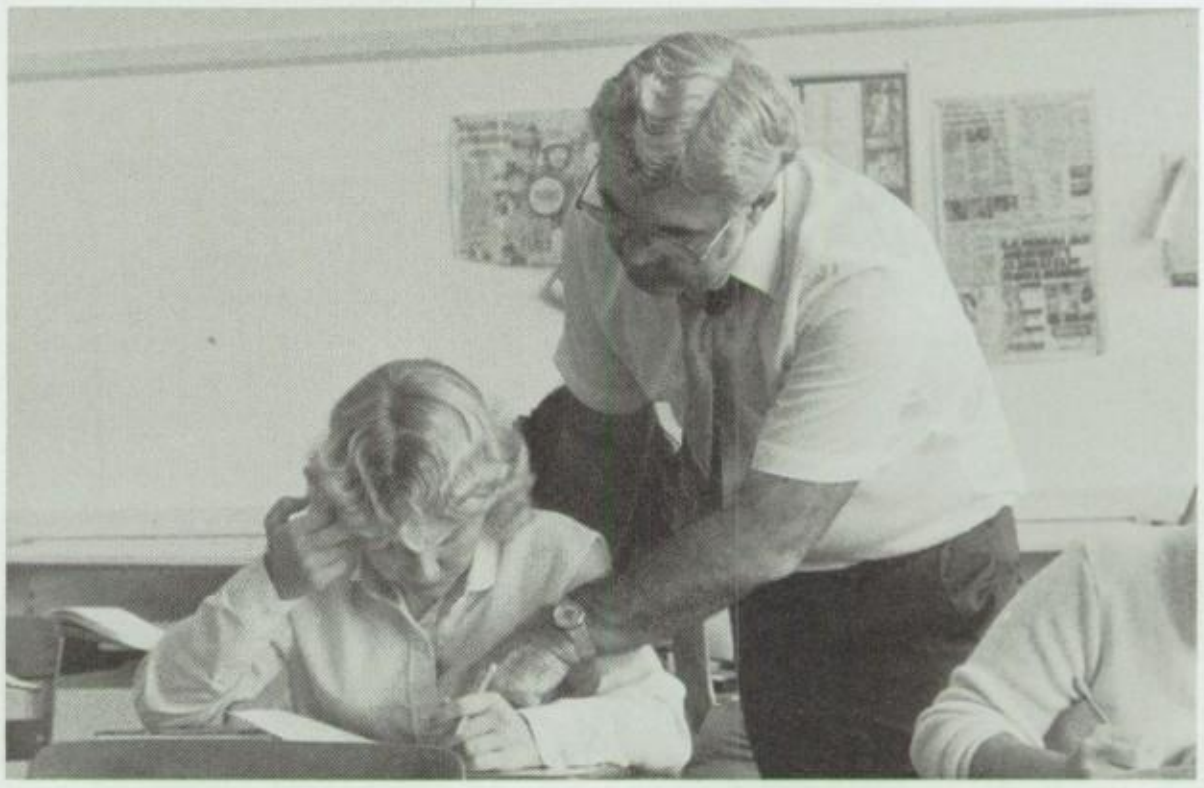
Charles Crusan points out a place on the Globe for fellow classmates.

A group of Newsweek magazine covers spell out **HISTORY** in **Mr. Hoffman's** American history room.

Scott Livingston and **Brent Kilgore** attempt to point out the same place on the map. It can't be two different places.

Students listen attentively to an interesting lecture in **Mr. Beard's** class.

Mr. Hall helped all his students get a grip on important facts throughout the year.



Hey, what's this? Underclassmen have smiles of being up to no good in social studies survey class.

Students brush up on art

Students at North prepare for Art Class at Memorial.

Creative hands were a necessity in Art Class.

Art students provided an eye pleasing atmosphere in the cafeteria.

Renee Patton and **Teresa Hutchison** put the finishing touches on a coil pot.

Marty Goade looks on as **Steve Buerge** displays his latest work of art.

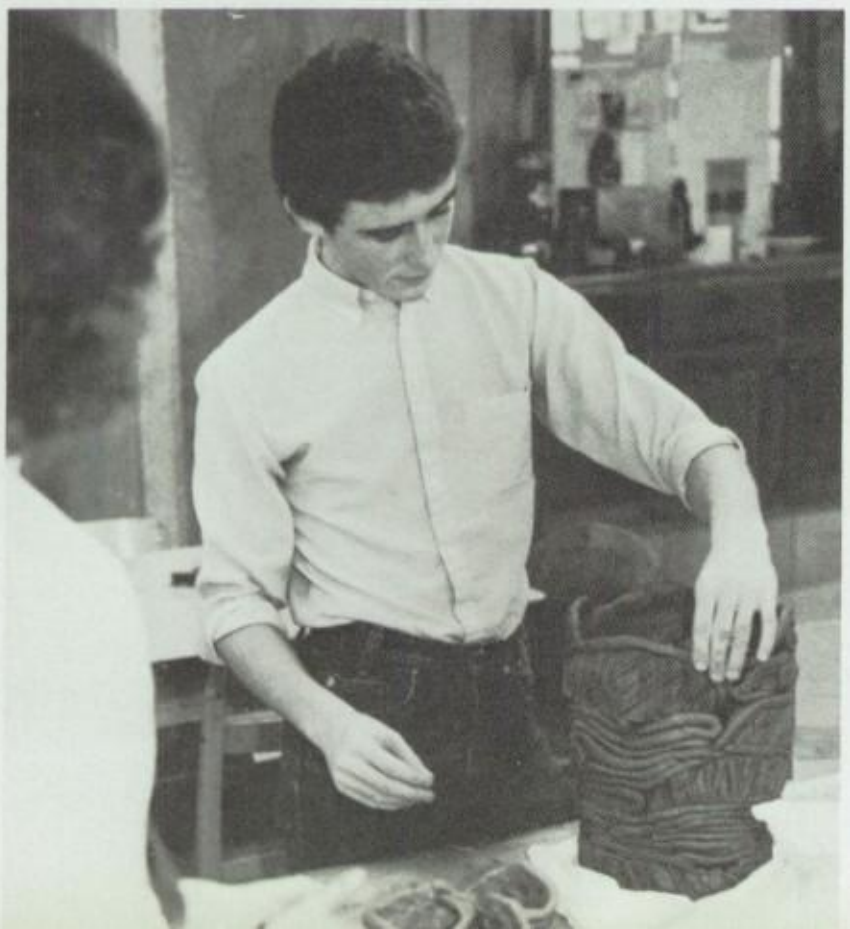
appreciation

The art students at Memorial got to participate in a very active, interesting and creative class. Not only did they learn how to draw, sketch and create for themselves, they also got a chance to view and discuss other artists works.

Some of the art students activities included competing in an art competition between five high schools at Artworks Inc., attending Silver Dollar City's national crafts festival, taking a tour of the Nelson Atkins Art Museum in Kansas City, visiting the Pittsburg Pottery Company and making regular visits to the Spiva Art Gallery at Missouri Southern State College. The students also heard guest lecturer a **Majorie Shick,** a jewelry instructor in Pittsburg, Kansas, Ivory Fowler, a printmaking instructor at M. S. S. C., **Terry Russell,** a professional potter from Joplin and **Pat Pryor** from the Kansas City Art Institute.

At the end of the year there was a special recognition for the Seniors by allowing them to present separate displays of their artwork on the second floor. There was also a painting show and sale on the second floor which allowed other students to display and/or sell their artwork.

It is obvious to see why there was an increase in the enrollment in all art classes. Because of this increase it was necessary to add an additional three-dimensional design class.



Butch Smith spent many hours creating fine pieces of art work.

Mrs. Johnson examines **Carter Simmons** art work.

Harold Weston used over 25 pounds of clay and spent nearly a whole semester making his masterpiece.

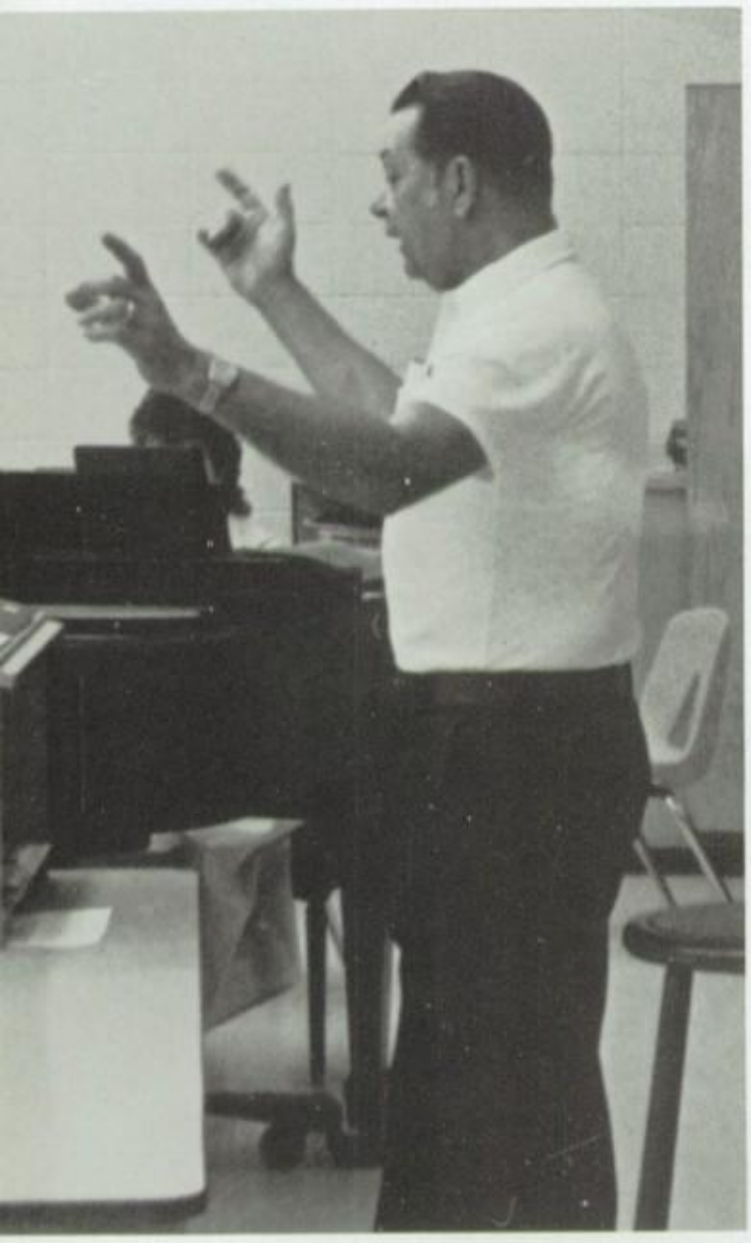
Brian

Long practices and sore throats

Concert Choir was a group of energetic upperclassmen who enjoyed singing throughout the year. They went on several tours, performed many concerts, and competed in contests at Parkwood and Miami.

However, the group was not always in the limelight. There were countless numbers of practices which they were required to attend, and there were always the fund raisers. Who could forget all that candy?

A new face to Memorial was found directing the choir. **Mr. Wayne Lawson** spent his first two hours here and then left for Parkwood where he had taught for 13 years. When asked to comment between the two schools he replied, "It's turned out to be very interesting to see how the kids can be different yet are still alike."



Concert Choir was offered only to those upperclassmen who showed an interest in singing.

Mr. Wayne Lawson, the new director for the choir, makes sure everyone knows their part.

Kathi Schemahorn, a Senior from Parkwood, is the Concert Choir's official piano player.

Cheryl Sharp, Loretta Martin, LeAnn Crow and **Cindy Carlton** practice for an upcoming concert.

Mr. Lawson's students wait for further instructions.

Concert Choir takes a break from the daily routine of constant practicing.

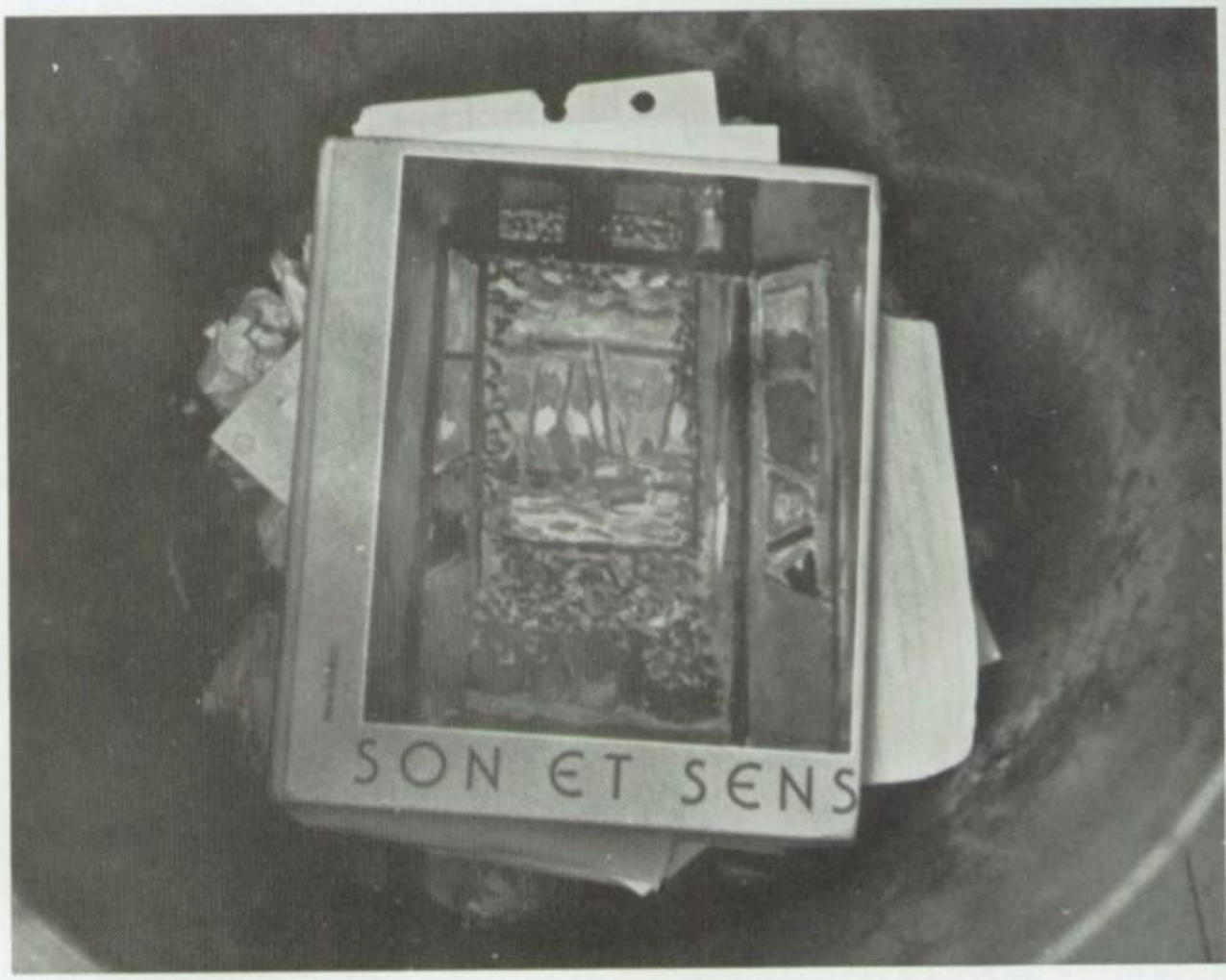
Speaking tours to other countries

"Parlez-vous francais?" and ¿Como esta usted?", "Veni, Vidi, vici!" were some of the bewildering phrases that might have been heard throughout the year. These are just the basic questions that were learned in French I and Spanish I.

Spanish I was taught by Mr. **Carl Carlton.** In Spanish I students learned the dialogues and vocabulary. For those students who felt they had made progress, a higher level of Spanish could be taken.

Miss Gina Hollandsworth and **Mr. Jay Jenson** taught French. In French, students basically learned the vocabulary and dialogue.

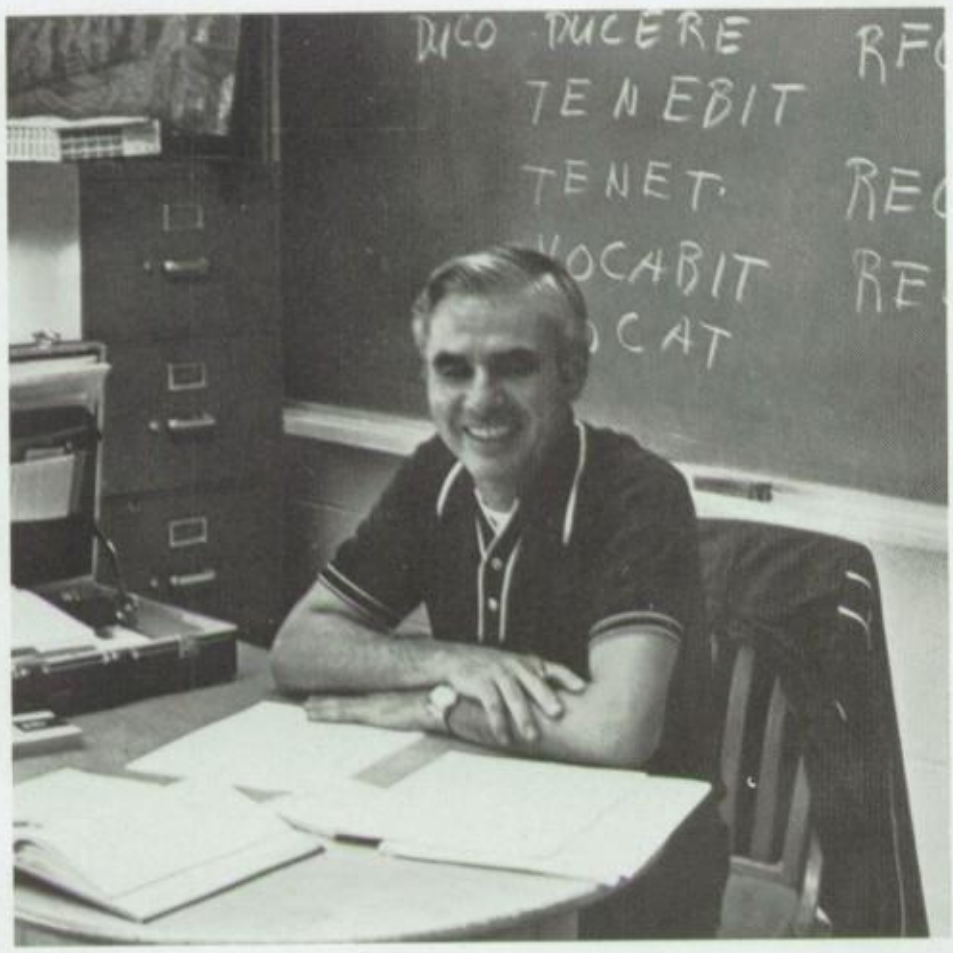
Mr. Richard Spraley, a new teacher, taught Latin.

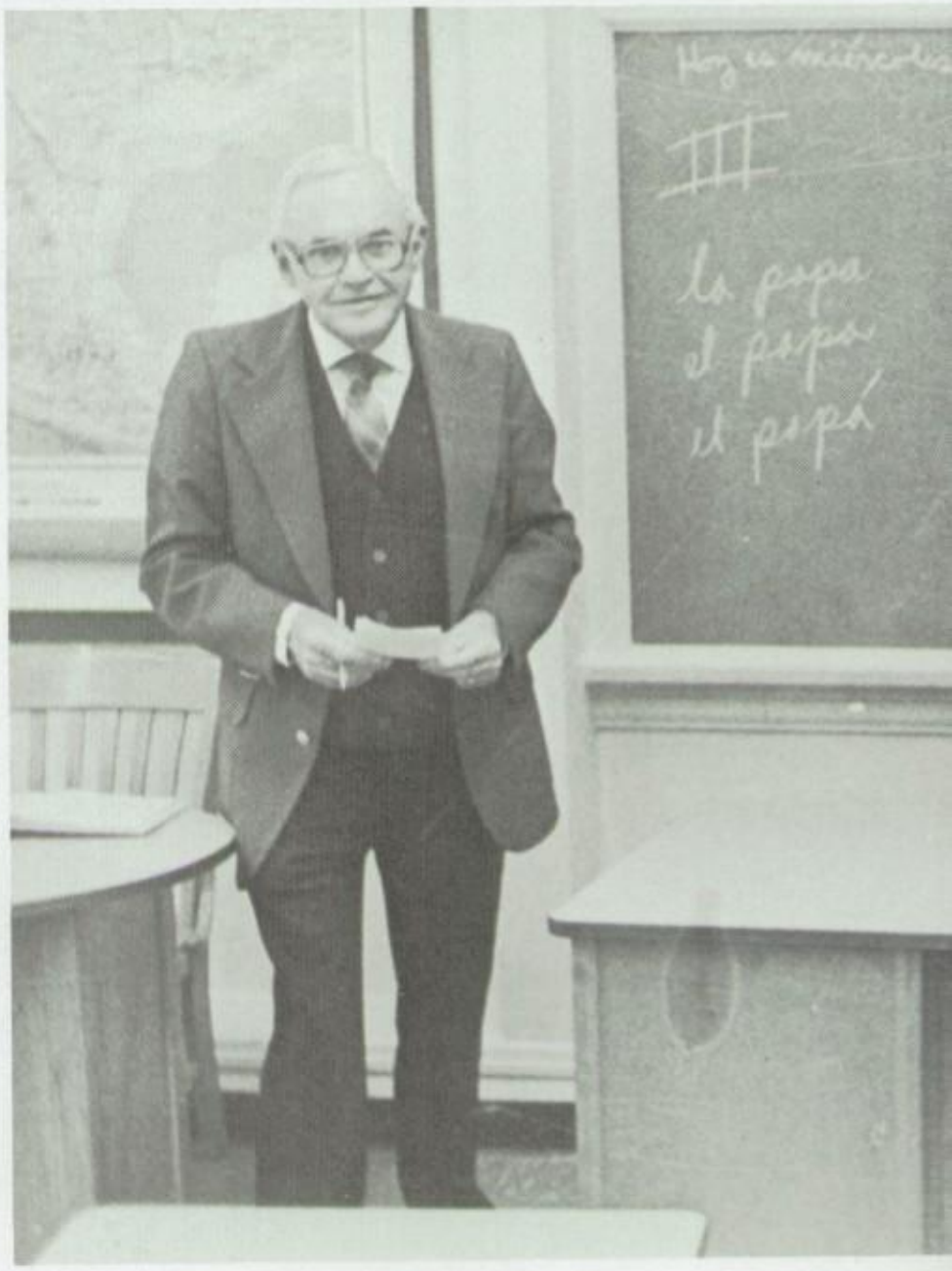


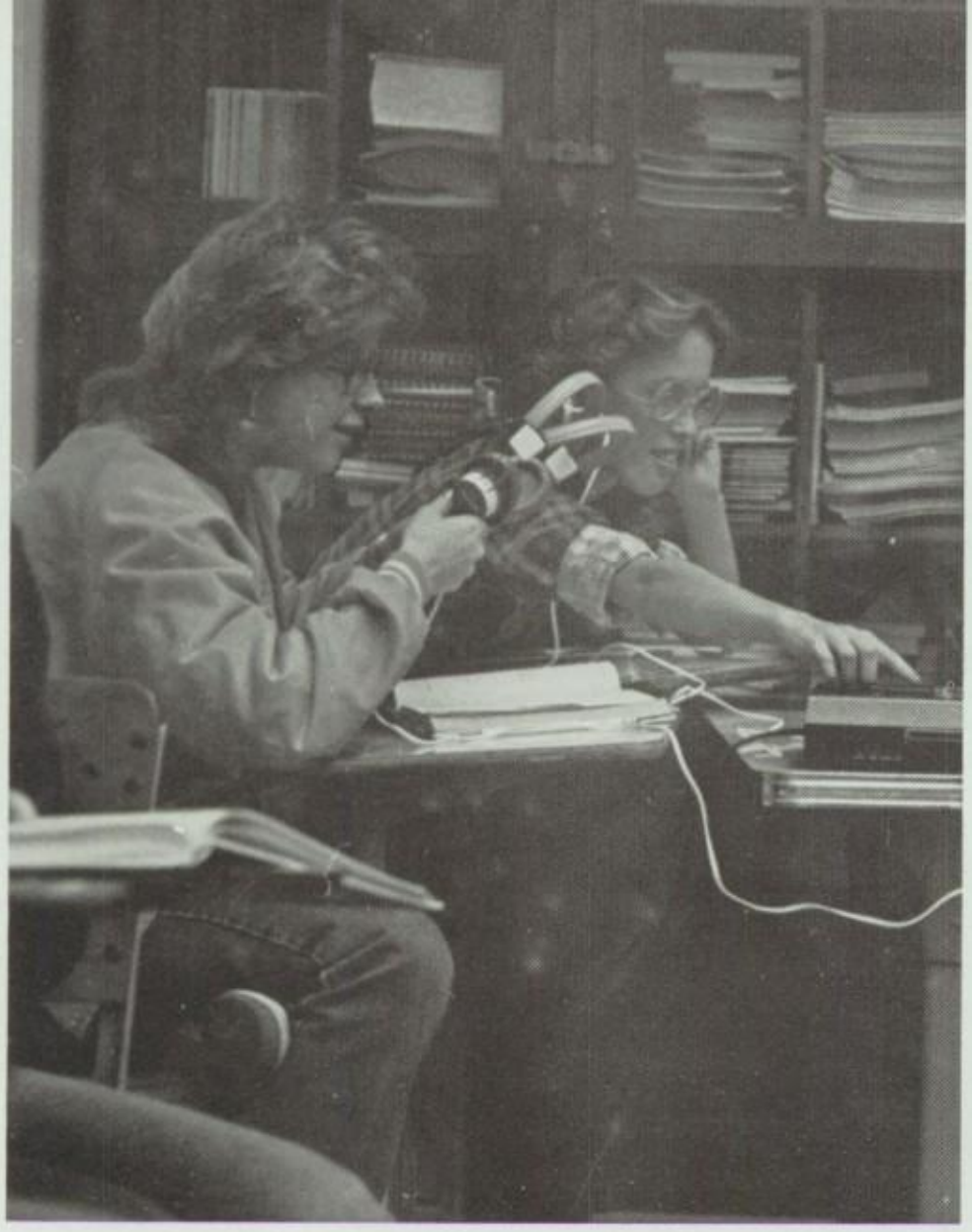
When students became frustrated with their French, this seemed to be the only solution.

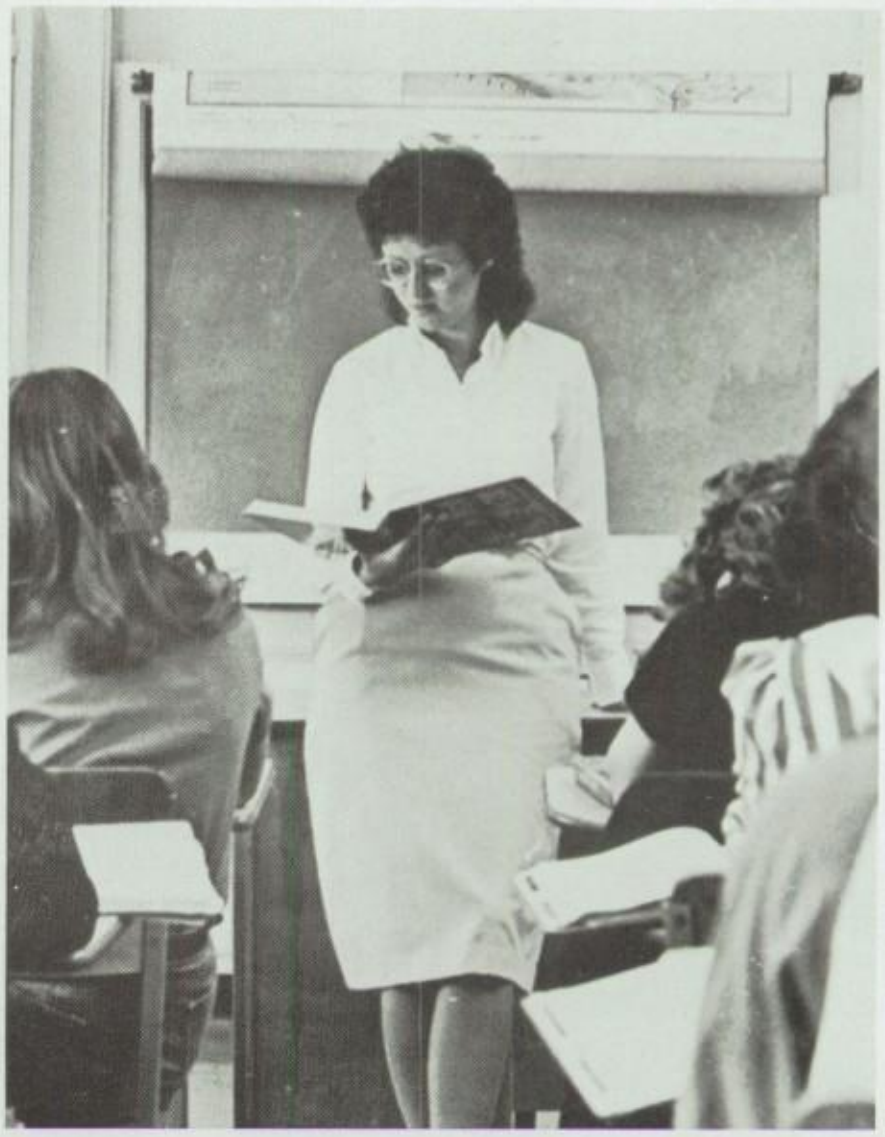
Mr. Spraley decides that today he will lecture sitting down.

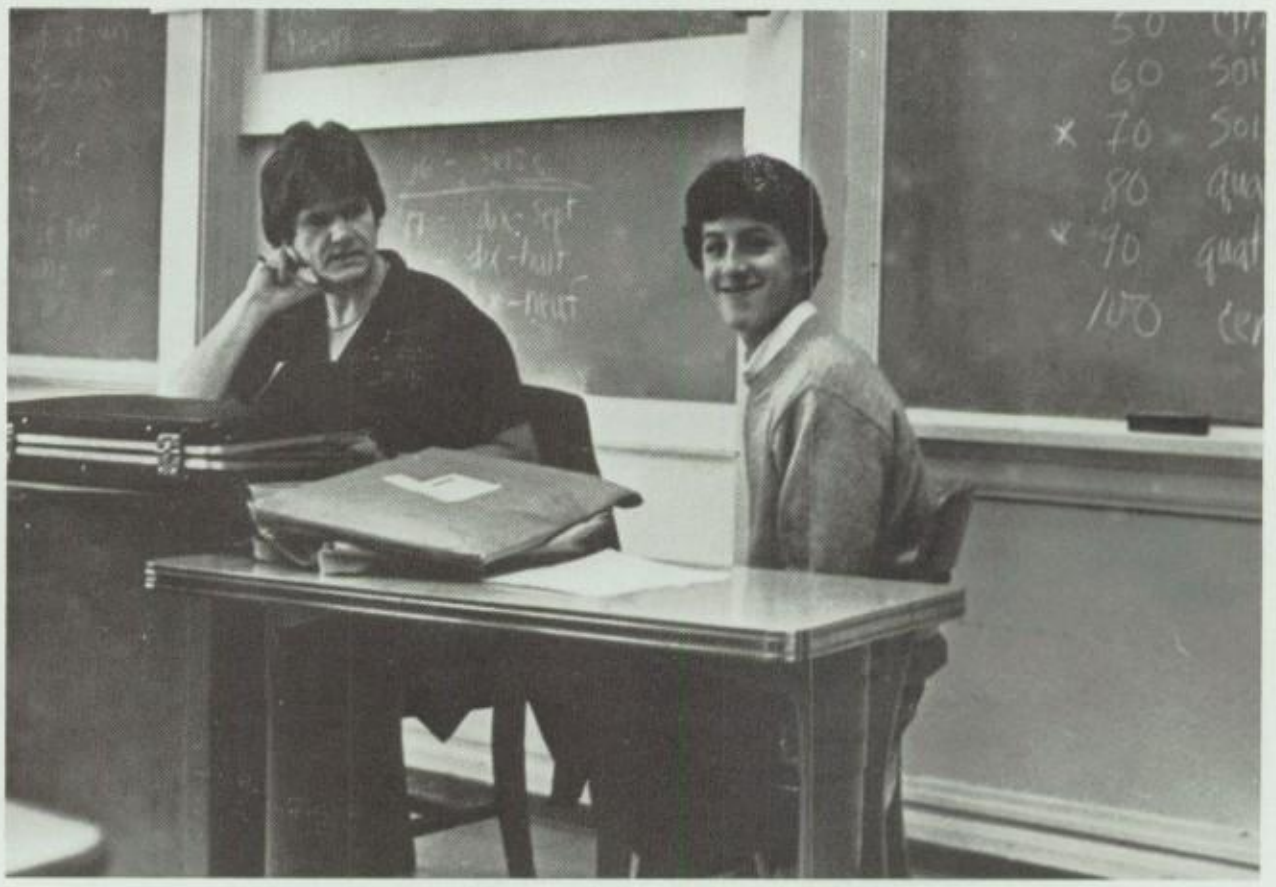
Mr. Carlton along with **Mark Keeling,** get ready for another hour.











Students improve their French by tapes.

Miss Hollandsworth is busy on her daily lecture material for French.

Mr. Jensen asks **Kyle Steele** the usual question, "OK Kyle where is your homework?"

Brad Burris, Claire McCaffery, and **Becky Blood** check out the assignment sheet in Speech II.

Denise Womble and **Brad Burris** prepare for an upcoming debate.

Claire McCaffery and **Kevin Babbit** rehearse a dramatic scene.

Becky Blood and **Sherry Barnes** help each other memorize lines for the school play.

Mrs. Schurman gets involved with all of her students to help them get the most out of her class.

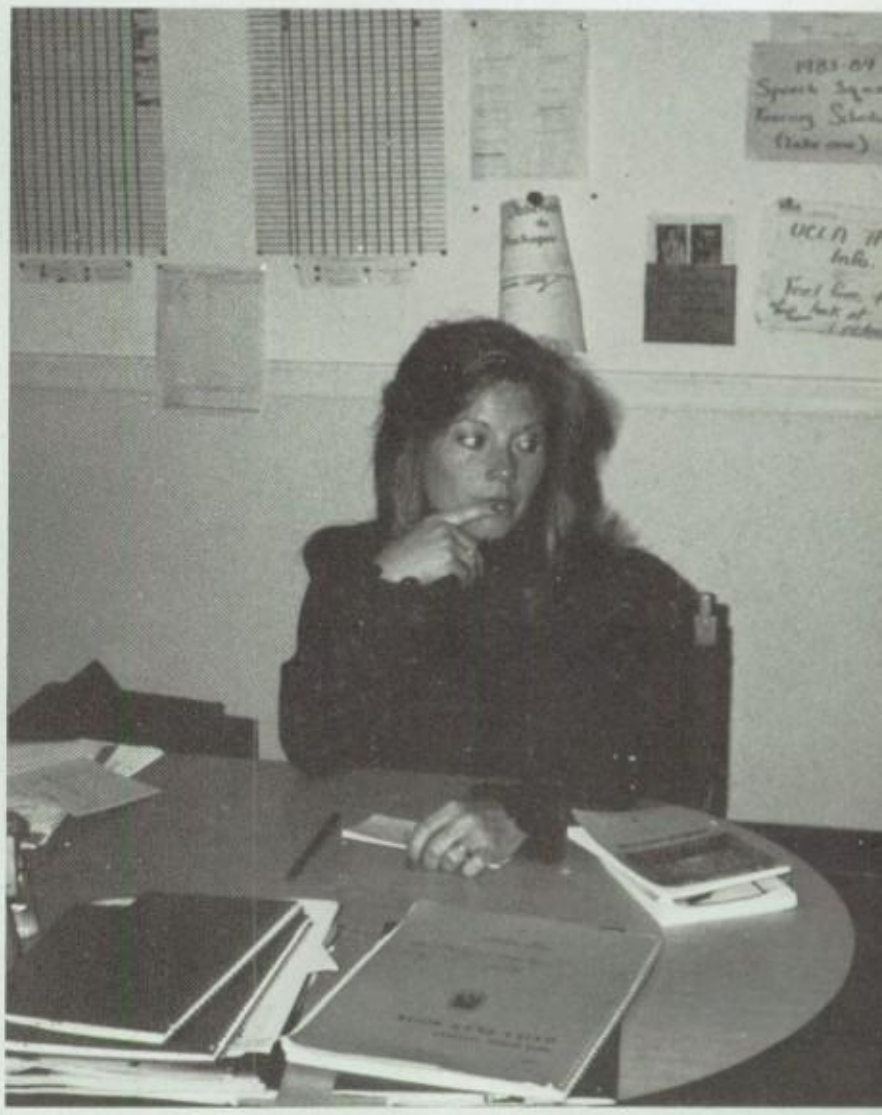
Challenging character development

If anyone was looking for excitement and a challenging adventure, the place to go was room 103. This room was the starting point for Memorials plays and musicals.

Mrs. Bonnie Schurman taught the basics of debate, public speaking and acting.

If you happened to walk in on one of the many skits the students performed you would have probably found it hard to leave.

Many hours of memorizing lines, developing your character, and getting the butterflies under control were all part of this rewarding class.



Mrs. Schurman hands out quarter grades to her 6th hour speech II Class.

Denise Womble, Traci Hertzberg and **Barbie Duke** look over a humorous play.

Mrs. Schurman daydreams of the day her students will get to Hollywood.

Mrs. Schurman helps **Denise Womble** choose a character that fits her personality.

Tasty delectables, fine sewing and diapers

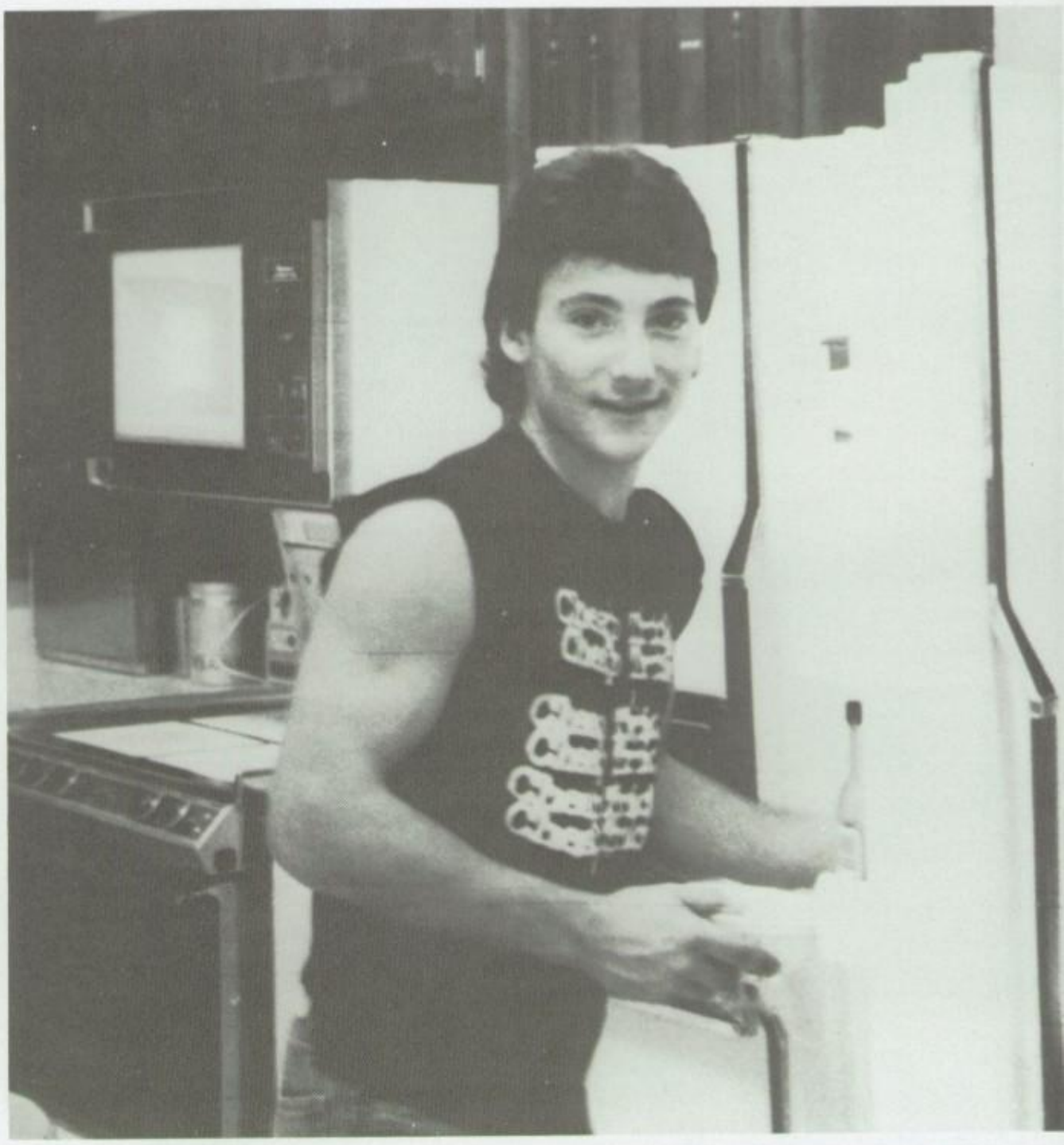
Anyone interested in becoming a French Pastry Chef, a future Nursery School Teacher, or the next Calvin Klein were in luck with the Home Economics Dept. Memorial offered several courses in which to learn these certain skills.

Family foods was offered to anyone who loved to cook (or eat). Whether you took the class or not, you could "usually" tell what was being made in room 102 by the delicious aromas that drifted through the halls.

Child development was a ½ semester course offered to Juniors and Seniors. **Mrs. Horst** taught the class the importance of parenthood. Many days the students got a first-hand look at children from ages 1 through 6 as children were brought to class to be observed.

Sewing Class taught the basics of making and designing your own clothes at a fraction of the price you could purchase them for.

No matter what your future held all these skills would have more than likely come in handy later in life.

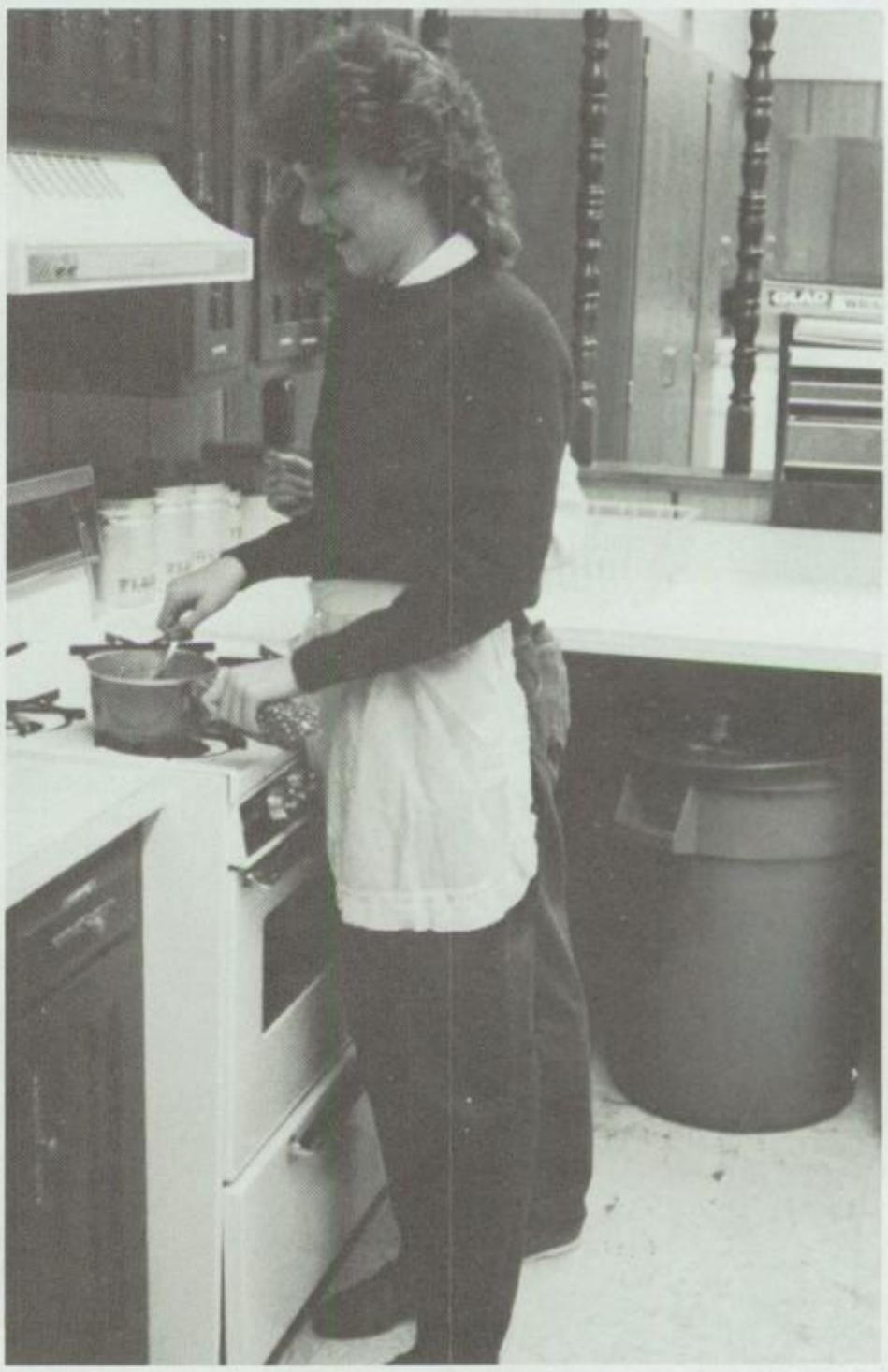


Sam Ware is "caught in the act" trying to raid the refrigerator in 3rd hour Family Foods Class.

Mrs. Horst always found the time to help out her students in child development.

These two youngsters found out at an early age what Memorial was really like as they visited 5th hour child development class.

Travis Sparks and **Todd Good** show off their cookies they baked in family foods class. Good Job Guys!



Students in creative foods class must not only prepare foods, but also take notes from **Mrs. Taylor's** lectures.

Tena Tatum learns the basic technique of boiling water.

A head start to a future career

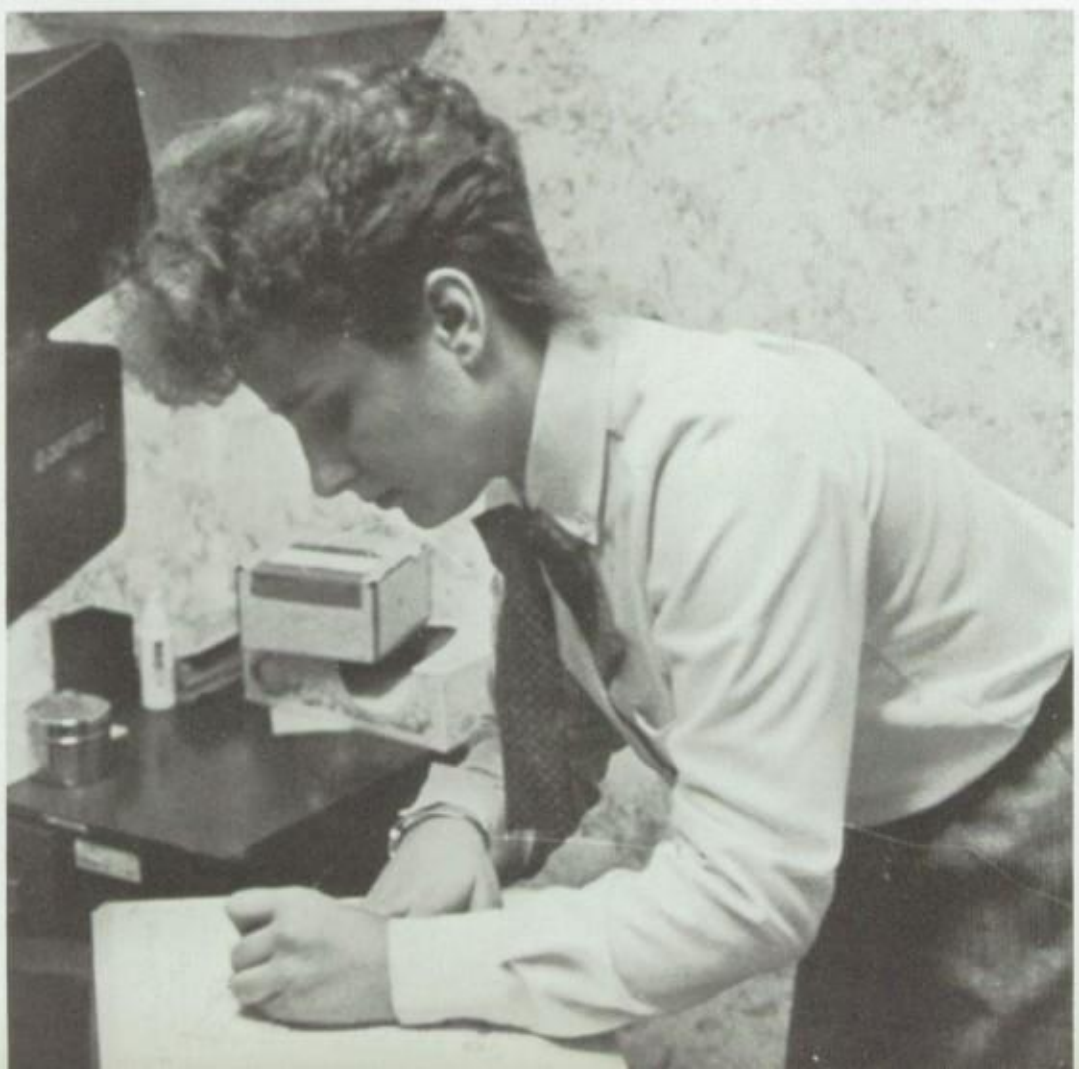
How would you have liked to have gone to school for only half a day? This year there were a total of 18 seniors who did just that. They didn't however, get the rest of the day off. These 18 students reported to work after attending school for three hours.

The students were part of a program called CO-OP, headed by **Mrs. Jean Adams.**

Requirements for being on this program were, you must have been a senior and must have taken at least one class related to your work such as clerical practice, secretarial practice, or bookkeeping. You also were required to work 15 or more hours per week with an average pay of $3.35.

These students applied these skills from what they learned in class, such as work habits and responsibility as well as make money.

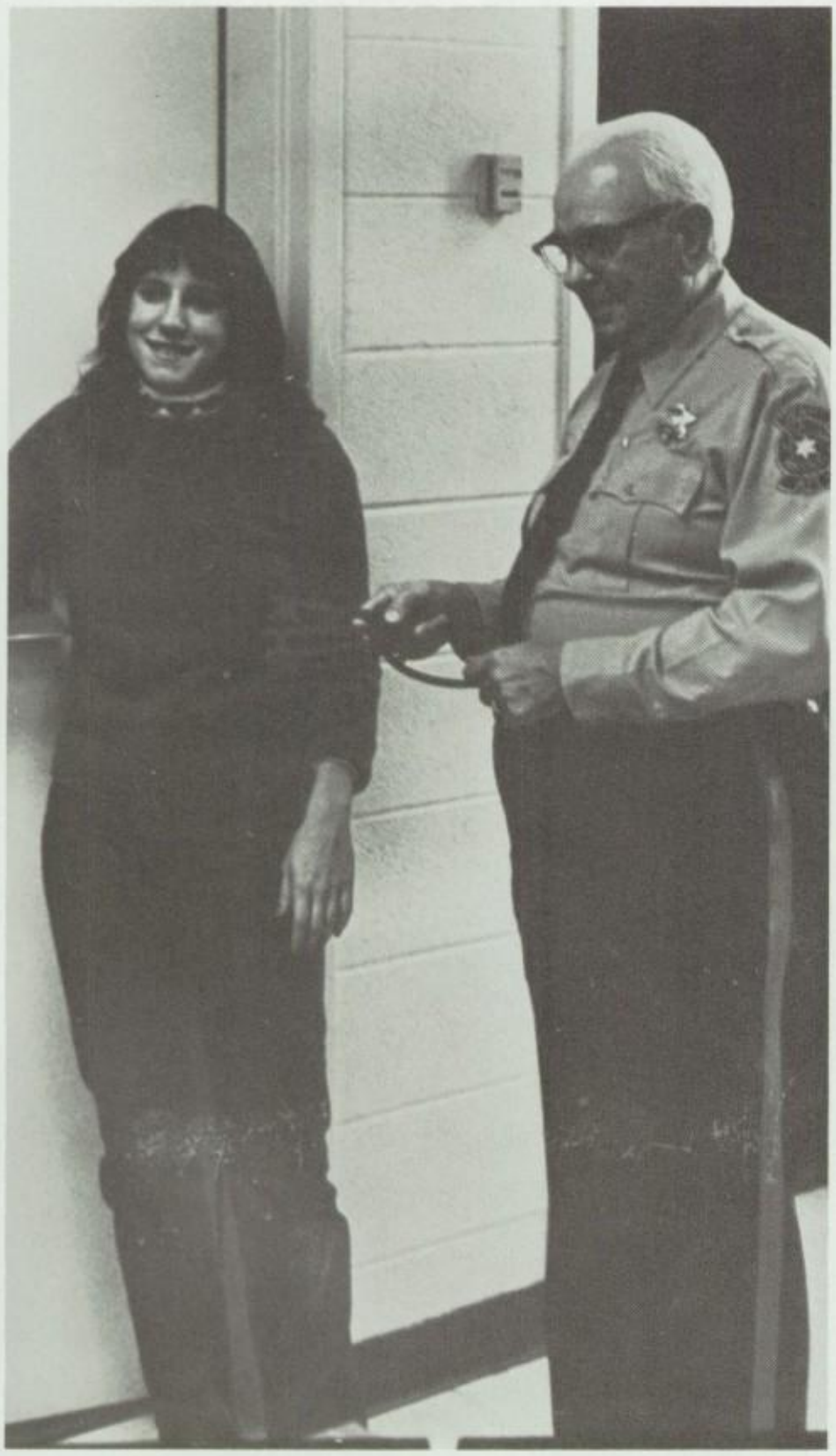
Involved in this educating and rewarding program were **Becky Bass, Stella Caylor, Terri Davis, Karen Hayes, Carol Hesterlee, Linda Holder, Sandra Johns, Leigh Johnson, Twyla Lewis, Michelle Miller, Ruth Miller, Wanda Price, Marady Schrader, Mike Smith, Cheryl Stewart, Kim Tracy, Ann Wallace,** and **Lisa Weston.**



One of **Marady Schrader's** many jobs was to answer the phone at an attorney's office.

Mike Smith works with many different machines at his job at American Business System.

Ruth Miller makes notes as she examines eyes at an Optomitrists office.



Ann Wallace finds out what happens when you don't do your job right. She worked at the Jasper County Sherriff's Office.

Michelle Miller sets up dentists appointments for **Dr. Gary Selby's** patients.

Wanda Price rechecks figures at Northwest Financial.

Students prepare for college

The Business department had something to offer for everyone.

For students who had plans to attend college the business department offered college prep courses. Some of the classes offered were Accounting, Bookkeeping, Clerical practice, and Secretarial practice.

Students interested in the money side of business enrolled in accounting where they learned the fundamentals of keeping records. The accounting class was taught by **Mrs. Jean Adams.**

Typing which was taught by **Mr. Charles Stribling** was also very helpful to the college bound students; this course came in handy when research papers were closing in on the deadline time.

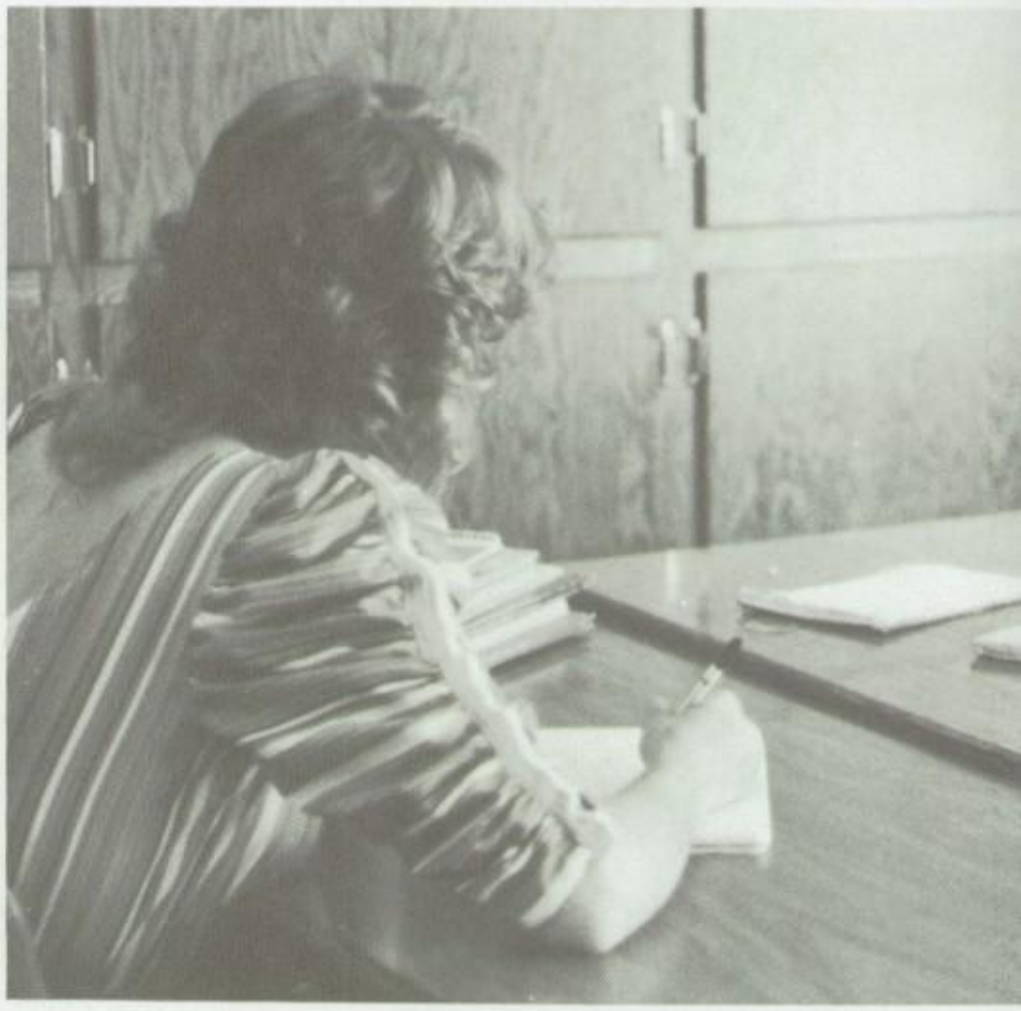
Careers in business offered great challenges to young people and when the opportunities arose Memorial High School students were ready for them, as a result of the training they received.

The business class teachers were: **Mrs. Jean Adams, Mrs. Linda Koehler, Mr. Charles Stribling, Mrs. Sue Kirk,** and **Mrs. Virginia Stark.**

Karen Hayes and **Stacy Winchester** work studiously on their shorthand.

Mrs. Koehler takes time out from grading papers to show her pearly whites.

Mr. Stribling waits for everyone to get their paper into the typewriter for time writings.



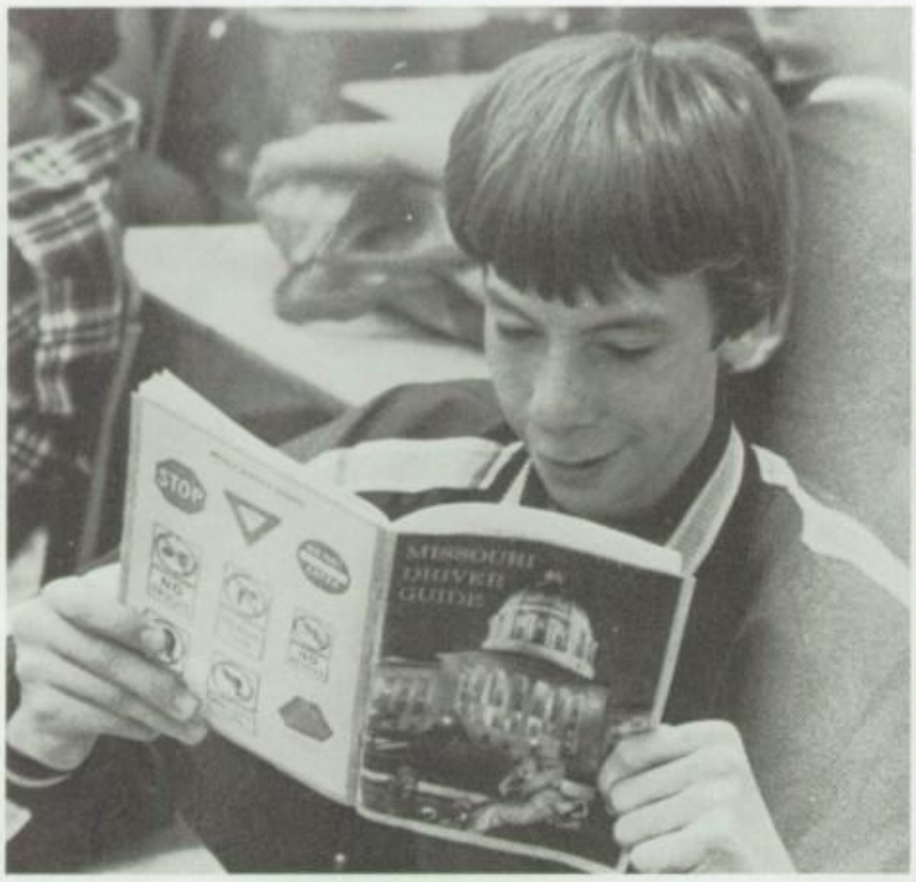
Shame, shame, **Scott Kirk** is caught looking at his fingers while typing.

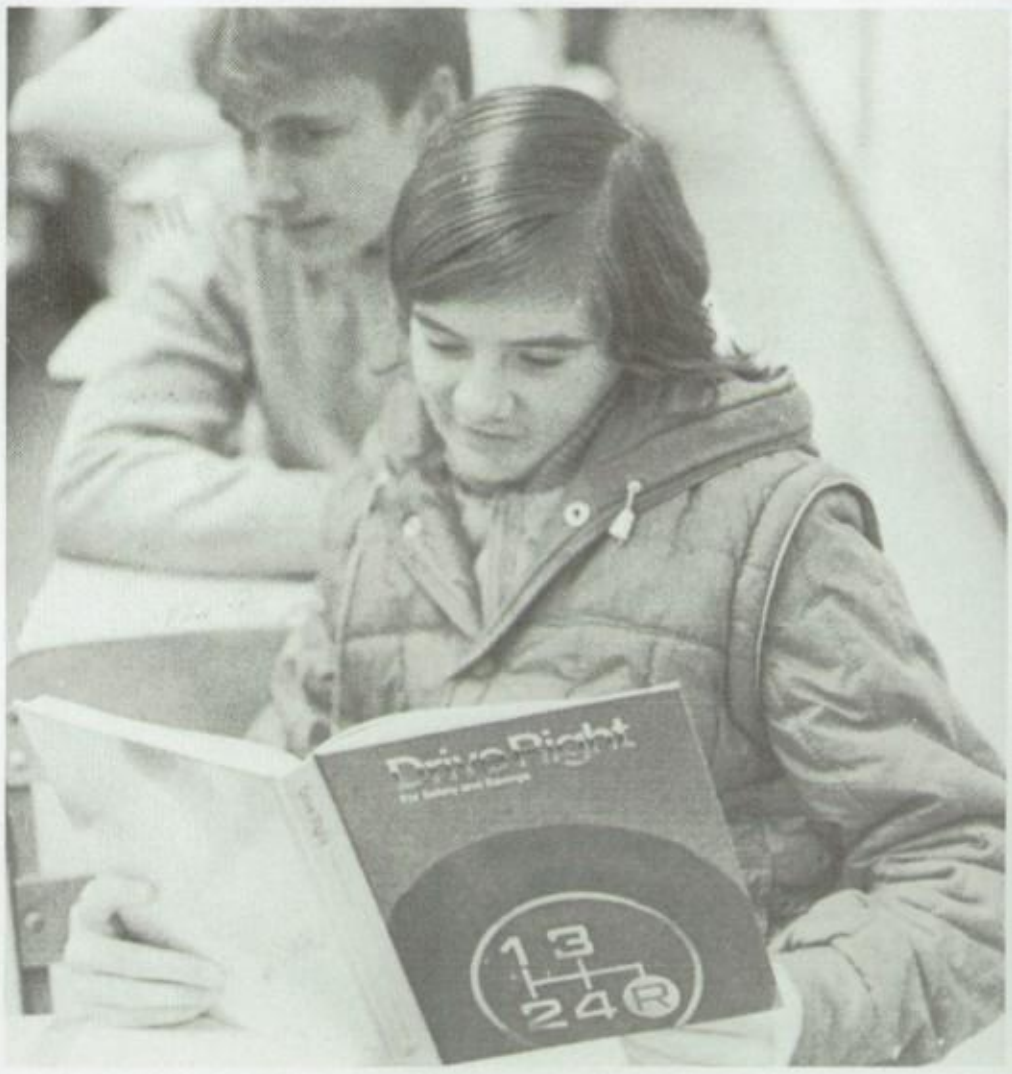
Mrs. Stark looks up from grading papers to smile.

Mark Potts concentrates on the next problem in accounting

Mrs. Adams turns around unknowingly to a waiting camera.

Mrs. Kirk looks up in surprise after seeing **Becky Bass's** homework.





Troy Clapp prepares for his drivers test.

Students practice turning corners.

John Hackett and **Mike Allgood** ask if they were really suppose to read this

Francis Aldridge reads her Drivers Ed book while **Mike Allgood** looks on.

Life in the fast lane

There were many reasons parents wanted their children to take Driver's Education. These reasons ranged from lowered insurance rates to one less dent in the fender of the new family car.

Driver's ed. was truly a learning experience, whether it was listening to **Coach Phil Lewis** or driving with **Adams, Stipp** or **Stubblefield.** In the classroom **Coach Lewis** taught everything from traffic signs to the point system. While driving in the car with one of the other driving instructors, actual driving skills were learned.

Often the student took the cars to the range. Here parking was practiced or manageability of the car could be learned.

So whenever you happened to see one of Memorial's Driver's ed. car's, you should have turned the other way.

Coach Lewis grins at a question asked by one of his students

Students practice parking as **Mr. Stipp** looks on.

Students listen attentively as **Coach Lewis** lectures.

Missy Russell and **Wesley Scoles** return to school after a hectic ride.

Not only exerting the brain

Gym classes at Memorial were definitely a break in the daily routine. First of all just trying to get to the gym in five minutes was enough physical exertion for most of us. Then, as you staggered in and got to your locker, it got you. The most horrible odor you had ever encountered. After several moments of unconciousness, you were revived only to find that you left your gym shorts at home and must take the dreaded "no dress" for the day. You went through all of this for nothing.

Every four and a half weeks, students got to pick a different activity in which they could participate. Activities such as tennis, flag football, and softball were offered in the warm school months. When it turned cold and students were forced inside, basketball, weight-lifting, and bowling were the most popular choices. The freshmen took half a year of health in which they practically became M. D.'s by the end of the first nine weeks.

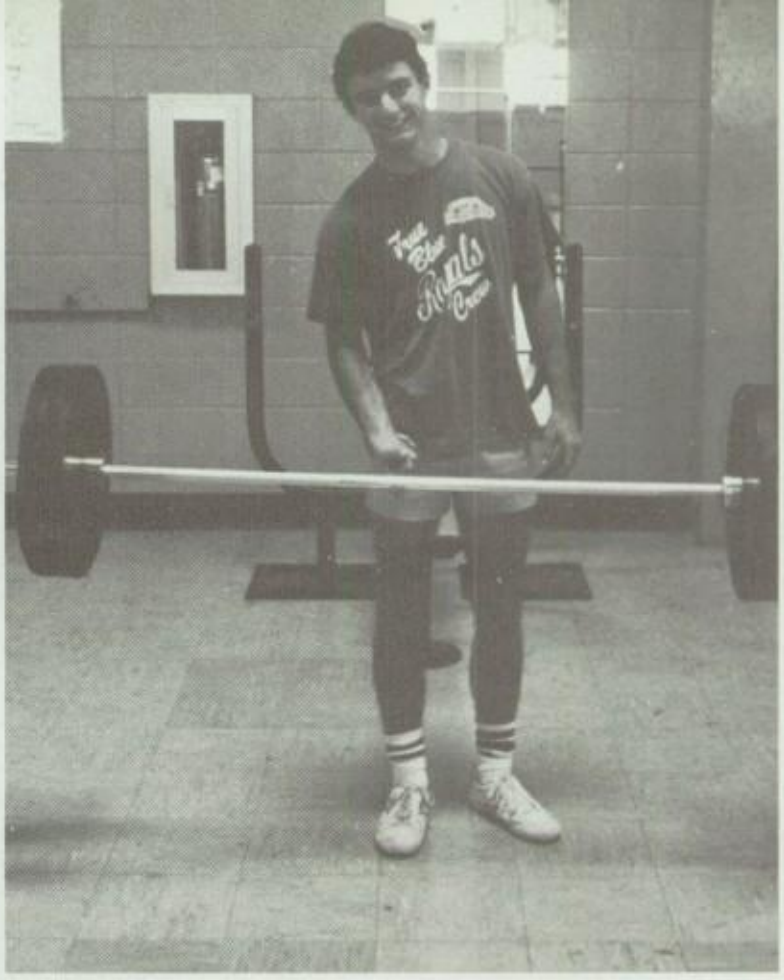
The boys' coaches were **Scott Pennington, Mickey Heatherly** and **Jerry Watts. Dona Boatman** and **Cherrie Kuklentz** headed the girls' P.E. program.

A determined **Candice Russell** strains to complete her last set on the leg machine.

Bill Blunk is about to demonstrate his lightening speed during flag football.

Lea Ann Massey exemplifies perfect serving form.

Coach Pennington lectures to his freshman health class.



Gary Rhoades shows what a little dedication in the weight room can do.

In between sprints while carrying 585 pounds, **Shane Hurst** and **Jim Brock** take a breather.

Phil Pflug applies much needed cologne after gym class.

R.O.T.C. stays busy

R.O.T.C. was the largest single organization at Memorial this past year. With enrollment somewhere around 130 cadets, they were a positive influence. They added spirit and color to the school. R.O.T.C. preformed services to the community as well. They are responsible for distributing toys to children in the area where Santa Clause does not always come. The drill team marches in most of the local parades. They enjoyed their extra curricular events which include the Christmas dance and the Military Ball, their annual formal social.

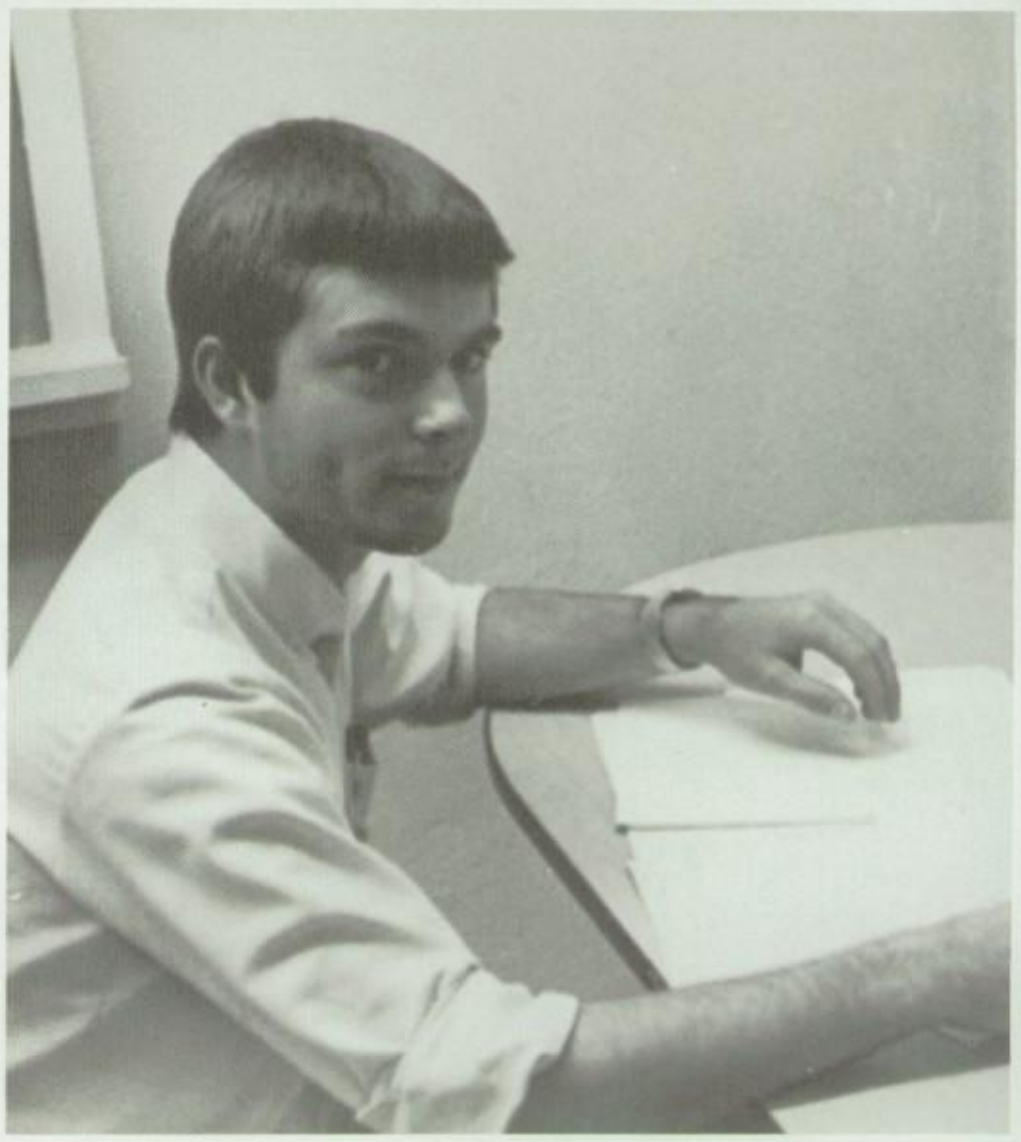
The two highest ranking cadets were C/Lt. Colonel **Mike Praiter** (at Parkwood) and C/Major **Peter Birk** (Memorial). These two were responsible for organization of cadets and seeing to it that everyone was in uniform on uniform day.

Freshman are taught introduction to army organization. Sophomores or second-year students receive instruction in the history of the Army, and the third year cadets learn about U.S. defenses and learn such skills as first aid, marksmanship, map reading and marching. Cadets have an opportunity to participate on the Drill Team, Rifle Team or in Cross-Country map-reading.

Carl Crum looks to the R.O.T.C. bulletin board for his latest assignments.

Studious scholars read their textbooks carefully and take notes on the material.

Peter Birk, the highest ranking officer at Memorial, catches up on some paperwork.



Danny Martin, while siting at the lunch table, reads his Drill and Ceremonies book. How's that for dedication?

R.O.T.C. colorguard stand ready to receive their orders.

R.O.T.C. members raise the flag before school every morning.

Dennis Morris marches proudly onto the field during Homecoming ceremonies.

John Hackett shows off past R.O.T.C. trophies.

R.O.T.C. means . . .

R.O.T.C., which stands for Reserve Officer Training Corps, meant various things to different people within the organization. R.O.T.C. was helpful to all the cadets offering different categories of special training. To better understand what R.O.T.C. is and what it meant to various members, it was best to hear the views from the cadets themselves.

Sgt. Major Perry, who was the senior army instructor for all cadets, stated, "R.O.T.C. teaches most importantly, the student to become a better citizen."

Cadet Major, Peter Birk was the highest ranking cadet at Memorial and spoke for the officers on what R.O.T.C. meant to him and should have meant to the younger cadets. "People should join R.O.T.C. to become better citizens. In R.O.T.C., you get out of it what you put into it."

Steven Roberts, Commanding Sgt. Maj. said, "R.O.T.C. has taught me leadership abilities and how to do a better job and possibly help me to get a better job in the future."

Debbie Kendall, a Private First Class, spoke for freshmen and all newcomers to R.O.T.C. "R.O.T.C. taught me responsibilities and a lot about myself."

M.H.S. Battalion Staff, (above from l - r) c/2Lt. **Charles Jay;** c/Maj. **Peter Birk;** c/1Lt **Dennis Morris;** c/Cpt. **Marcella Fitzgerrell:** c/Cpt. **Sandra Farmer;** c/2Lt. **Mike Henningsen**

M.H.S. officers, **Albert McBee,** training NCO; **Peter Birk,** Exec. Officer; **Dennis Morris,** Spec. Project Officer; **Sandra Farmer,** Public Rel. Officer; **Maurice Reaves,** Supply NCO; **Steve Roberts,** Command Sgt. Maj.

Third Platoon (right) 1st row **J. Cook, R. McGann, P. Bradley;** 2nd row **K. Henzler, C. Ramsey, Y. Shannon, E. Eperson, C. Ogle;** 3rd row **T. Jones, N. Huggins, B. Wells, S. Collins, B. Beadler, K. Farmer.**

First Platoon 1st row **K. Day, J. Smith, K. Grunden;** 2nd row, **R. Emmert, J. White, W. Redden, C. Martin;** 3rd row, **S. Schrader, D. Martin, M. Henningsen, B. Henshaw, D. Owens, T. Beeler.**

M.H.S. "A" Company Staff **John Hackett,** guidon bearer; **Mike Henningsen,** 1st. Plt. Ldr.; **Marcella Fitzgerrell,** Co. Commander; **Kevin Farmer,** 3rd Plt. Sgt.; **Danny Martin,** 1st Plt. Sgt.; **Brent Hinshaw,** 2nd Plt. Sgt.; **Yvelda Shannon,** 1st Sgt.; **Charles Jay,** 2nd Plt. Ldr.

Second Platoon 1st row, **K. Scott, A. Barrett, J. Mosbey;** 2nd row, **S. Piller, B. Blunk, C. Crum, C. Bunting, J. Michaels;** 3rd row, **T. Hardbaugh, R. Allen, Albertson, J. Hackett, S. Ray, C. Jay.**

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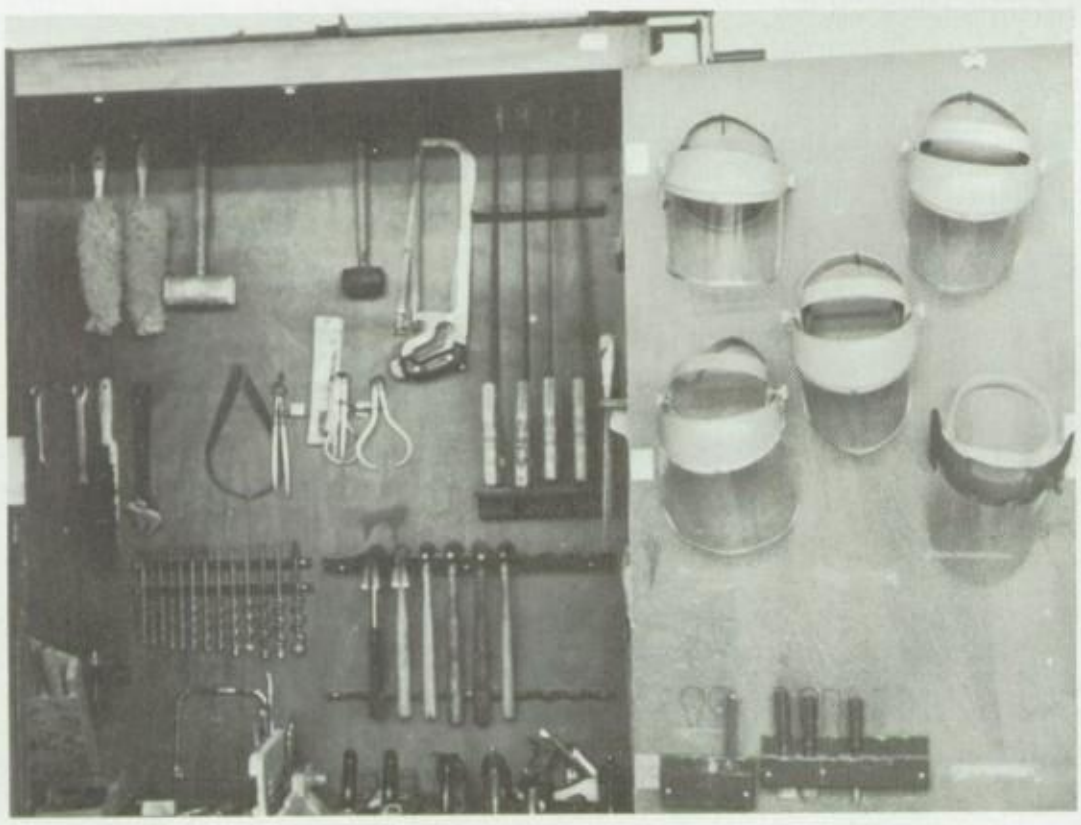
Learning a trade

Many Memorial students were interested in technical training. Not only did they get it, but they had a choice of eleven fields to gain an understanding or even a trade in.

The students who attended Tech were very serious about their work because they not only saw a future in it, but a living.

From blueprints in drafting, to casseroles in food service or taking out dents in autobody, to basic electronics, Tech had a wide variety of useful skills to choose from. Tech was not just a school, it was a learning experience.

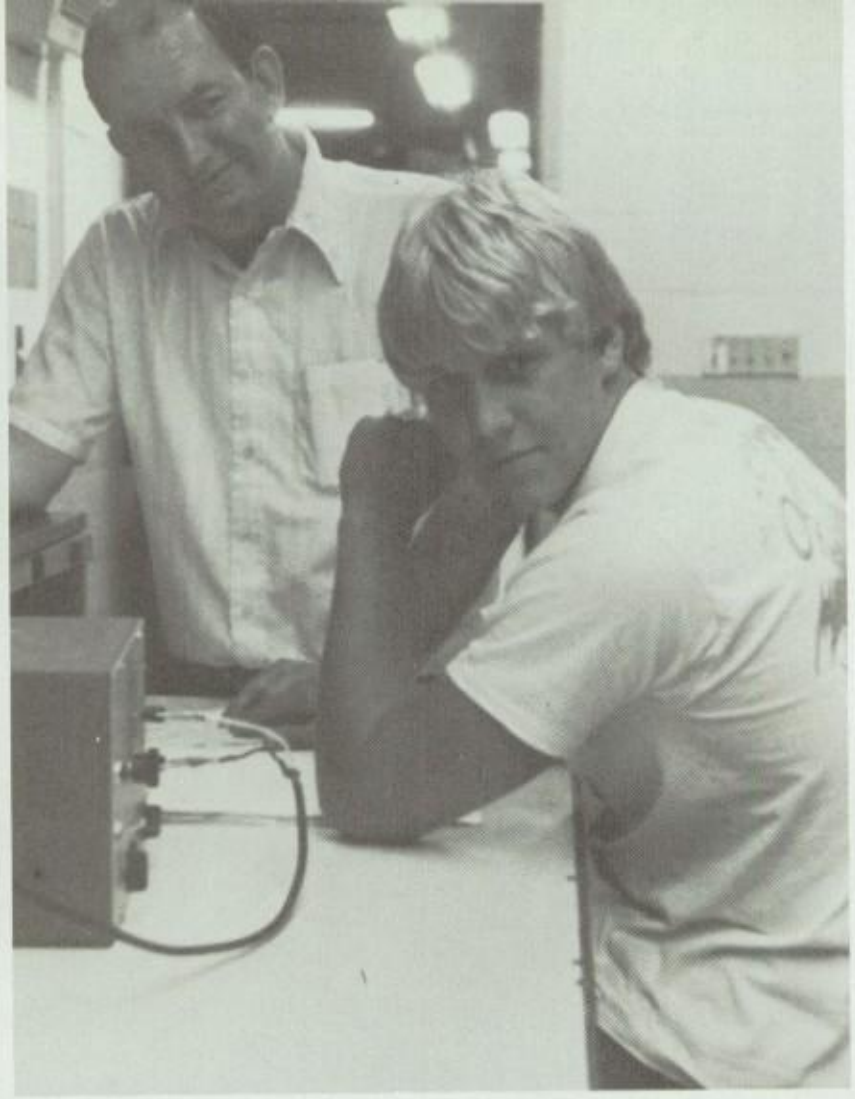


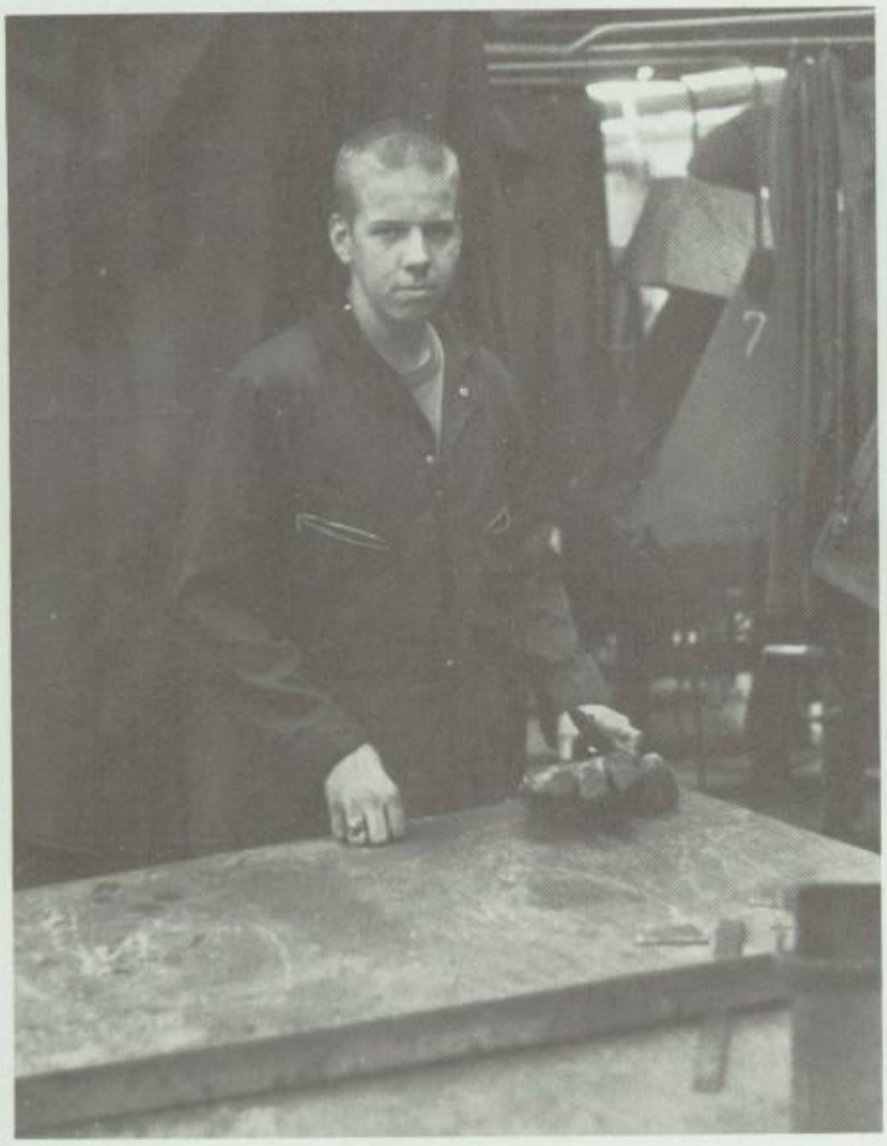
Junior **John Groom** concentrates on work at Tech.

Tom Edge and **Mark Samuel** work with electric waves while at Tech.

Tools of the trade at Tech.

Shawn Loyd busy at work welding.

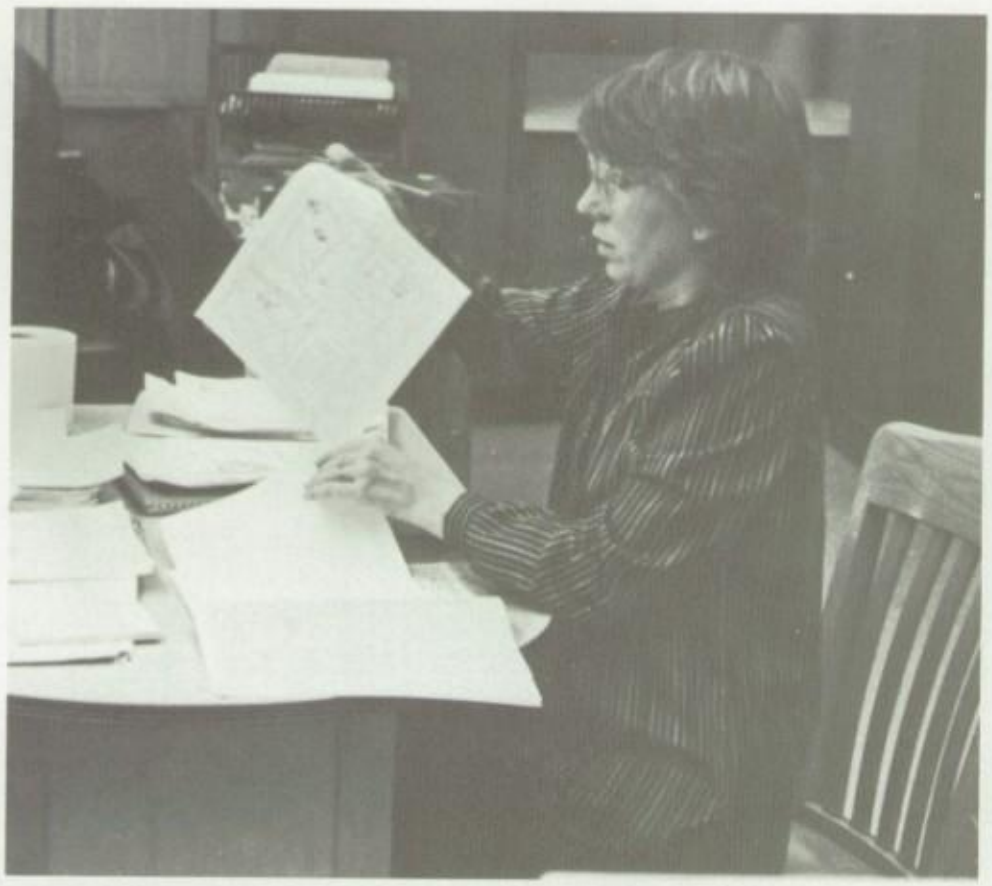


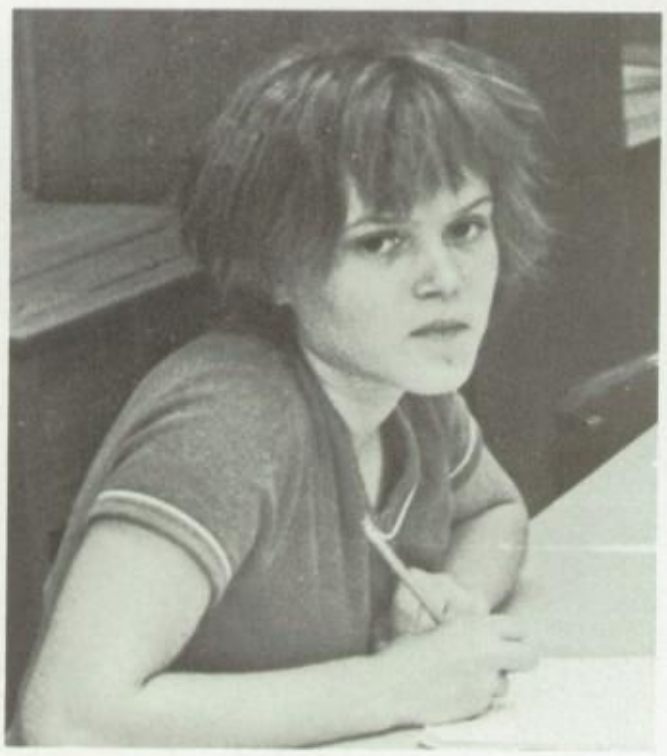


Mark Samuel and **Mr. Boyd** look over towards a rowdy student.

Steve Roberts prepares for work.

Lance Bacon takes a lunch break.





For **Mrs. Chasteen,** grading papers is a daily job.

Miss Murray flashes a smile while taking roll.

Christie Roach takes a break from her work and prepares to flash a smile.

Tammy Lawson hurries to finish her assignment before the bell.

Jal Cupp waits patiently for his homework to be graded.

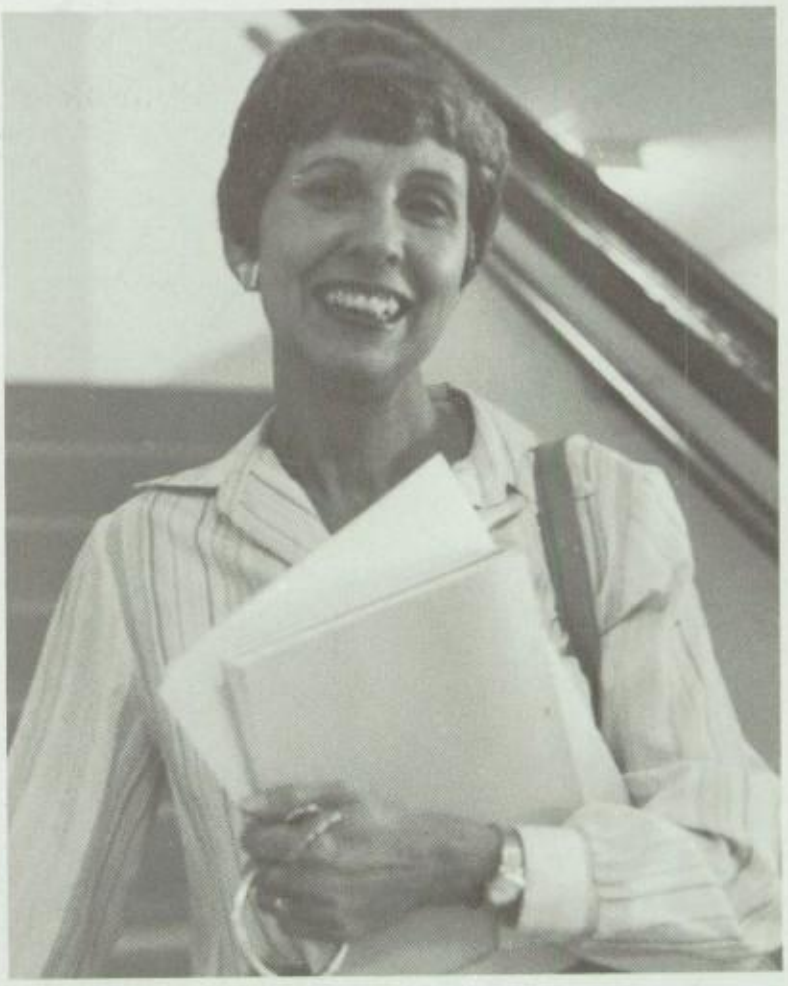
Individualized instruction

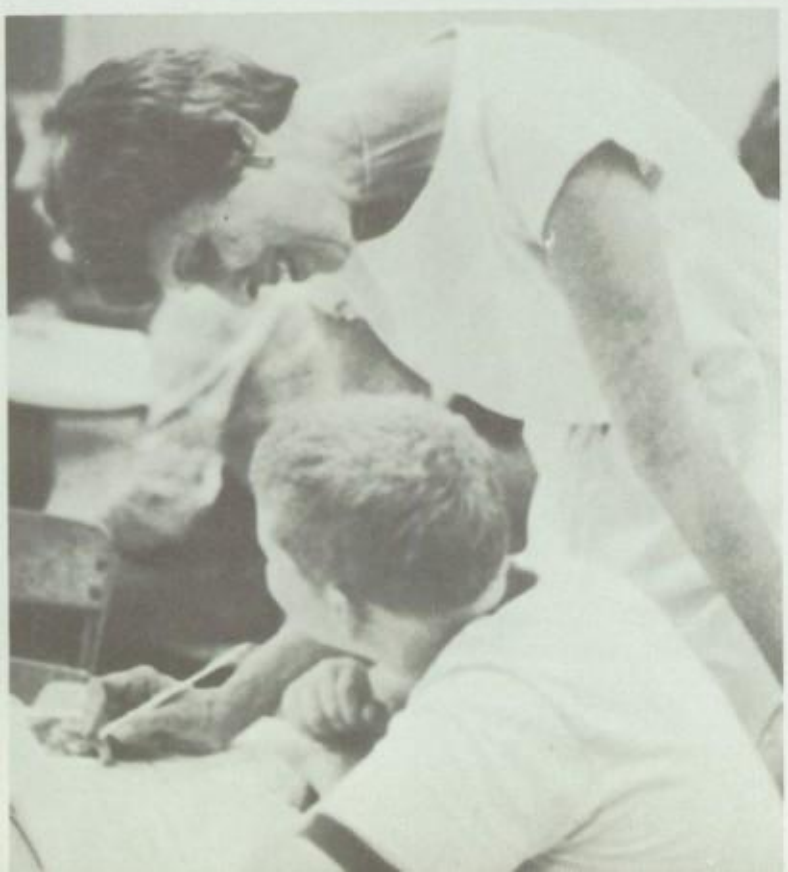
Classes entitled Basic Skills are based on need of students for individualized assistance with academic subjects. Students enrolled in classes outside of the Basic Skills core were assisted with assignments from these classes. Curriculum offered included math, language arts, social studies, science, living skills, and career guidance.

Franklin Technical School was home to some Basic Skills students.

Students listened to tapes, watched filmstrips, and worked in groups to improve on their weaker areas of study.

Teaching the Learning Disability classes was **Mrs. Suzanne Murray, Mrs. Terry Chasteen** and **Mrs. Mary Sue Pearish** taught Basic Skills.





Mrs. Pearish stops on the steps for a quick picture.

Students in Basic Skills classes often worked together to complete assignments.

Mrs. Pearish assists a student with Math homework.

The history of Tech

It all began about fifty years ago with only 24 students at 4th and Byers. Those students received training in automotive and cabinet making.

The National Defense Training Act of World War II forced more programs to organize to conduct several occupational areas to provide skilled employees for the defense plants. In 1941, a year later, an additional building was constructed for this exact purpose.

In 1946 a large maintenance building at Fort Crowder was donated to Joplin by the Government and moved to 13th and Pearl Avenue. This complete separate Voc-Tech building was named Franklin Technical School with the first classes enrolled in January 1948.

In 1965 a new building was constructed at 2020 Iowa and the school district was given the responsibility of providing Voc-Tech training to the south-west area of Missouri. The school districts of Carl Junction, Sarcoxie and Webb City became eligible to send students to Franklin Tech School now designated as an Area Vocational Training School. (AVTS). The facility at 13th and Pearl was closed temporarily. In 1968 it was reopened and named Baker Vocational School.

It became apparent that vocational training was necessary to provide trained workers for business and industry of the area. Full and part-time adult classes were offered during the day and in the evening. As interest and demand for skilled people increased an additional building was leased at 12th and Joplin Street. It was named Franklin Technical School Annex. As industrial involvement, business and industry demands continued to increase an addition to the FTS building at 2020 Iowa was constructed in 1979. With this addition all vocational training was moved to the one large facility.

This addition increased the Vocational offering at FTS to 15 programs for high school juniors and seniors.

FTS continues to serve the needs of adults and industry alike. At present, approximately 30 part-time and 5 full time adult classes in business, health and industrial education are available. In addition to classes at the school site industrial training is being conducted in the Motorola and Lozier plants in Joplin and Cardinal Scales in Webb City.

Sara Vavra lays out the school paper.
Some students had to drive to Tech.
Students prepare for the day.

Manual skills developed in shop

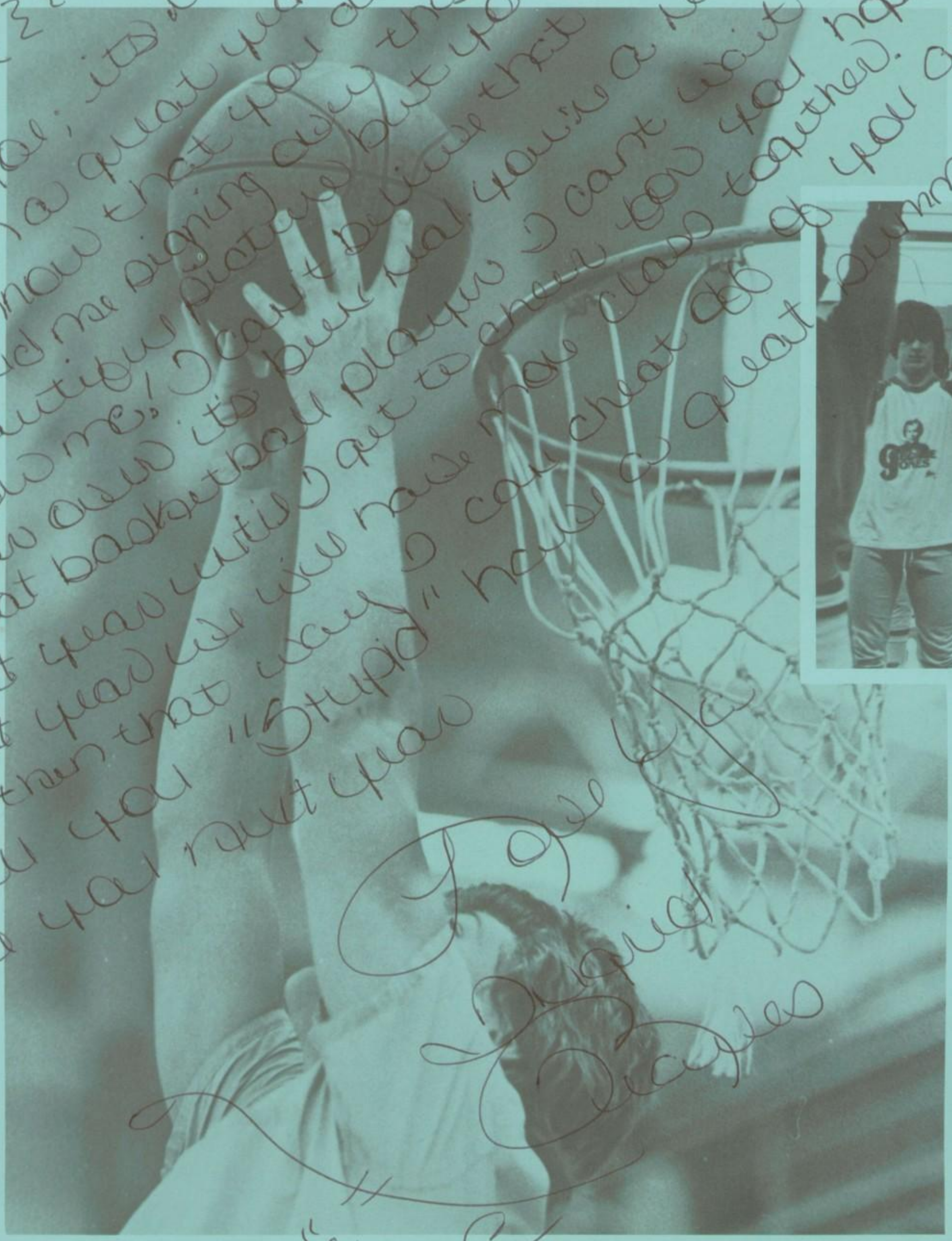
Shop class was a class enjoyed by students at Memorial. For those students in their first year of shop, materials and processes was the course in which they enrolled. In materials and processes, students were introduced to woods, plastics, and metals. With each material, the students learned how to process each piece into a useful product. For those students entering their second year of shop, wood-working was the course for them. In wood-working, students took a deeper and more refined look at wood-working. Drafting was the other shop class offered. In drafting, students drafted houses, mechanical parts, and landscaping.

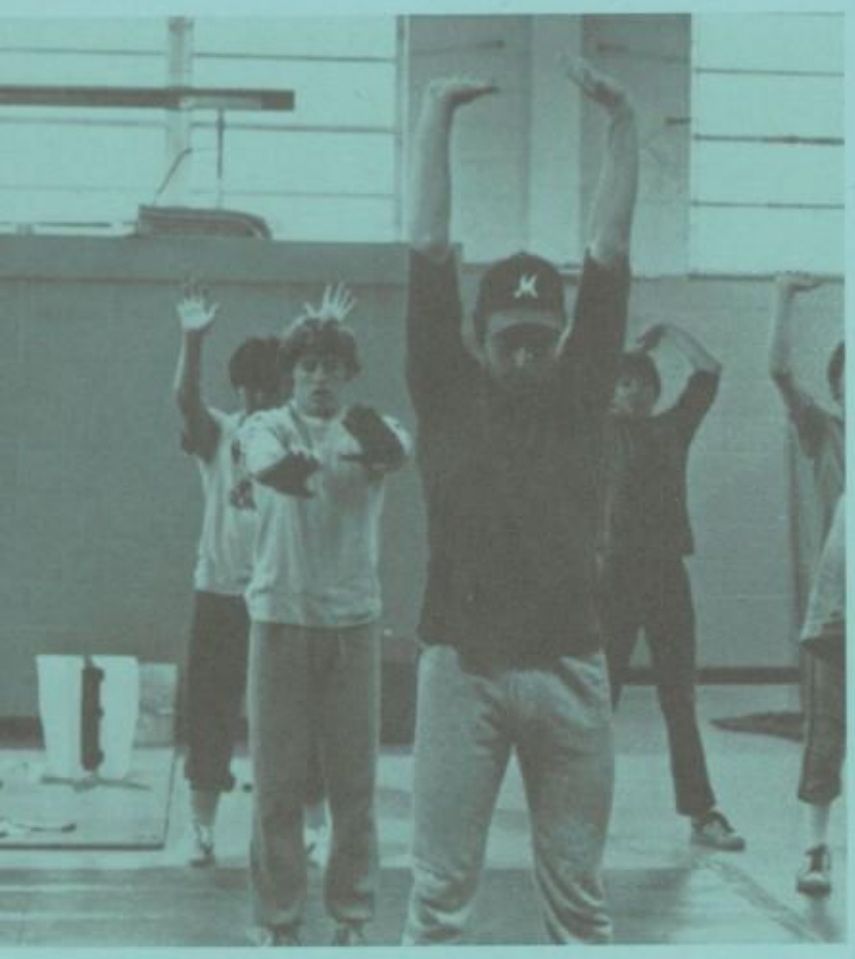
Mr. Hilllard calls on important business.

Jeff Henson prepares to work on another project.

Students work hard on projects.

Aaron Brown saws a piece of lumber.





Practice was a very important asset to any sport. Many athletes spent a countless number of hours practicing to be the best they could be for themselves and Memorial High School.

Travis Sparks obviously is dreaming about slam dunking.

Sports

The spirit of Competition

Sports were a very big contribution to school life. Sports participation and events contributed to school life by giving students something to work for and look forward to. A winning or losing team shaped many students attitudes and often determined whether students were happy or sad the day after the big game.

Athletes were special people who put in a lot of time and effort to accomplish a goal, winning for Memorial. It really did not make a difference whether one was an athlete or a spectator, because sports added something to everyones school life in ways of accomplishment, achievement, and enjoyment.

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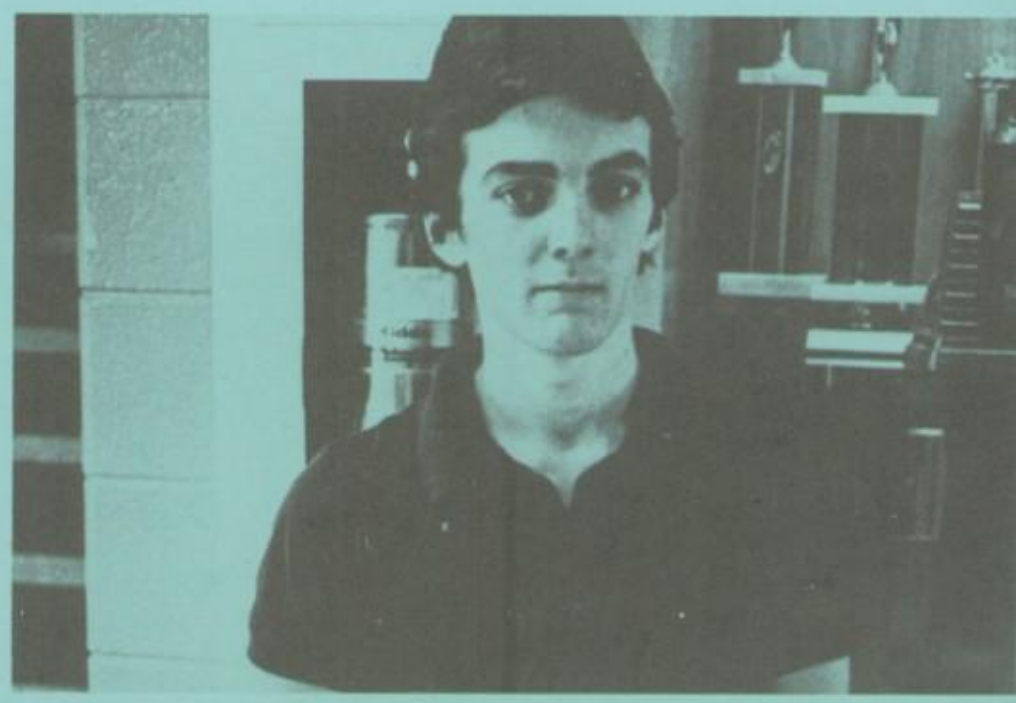
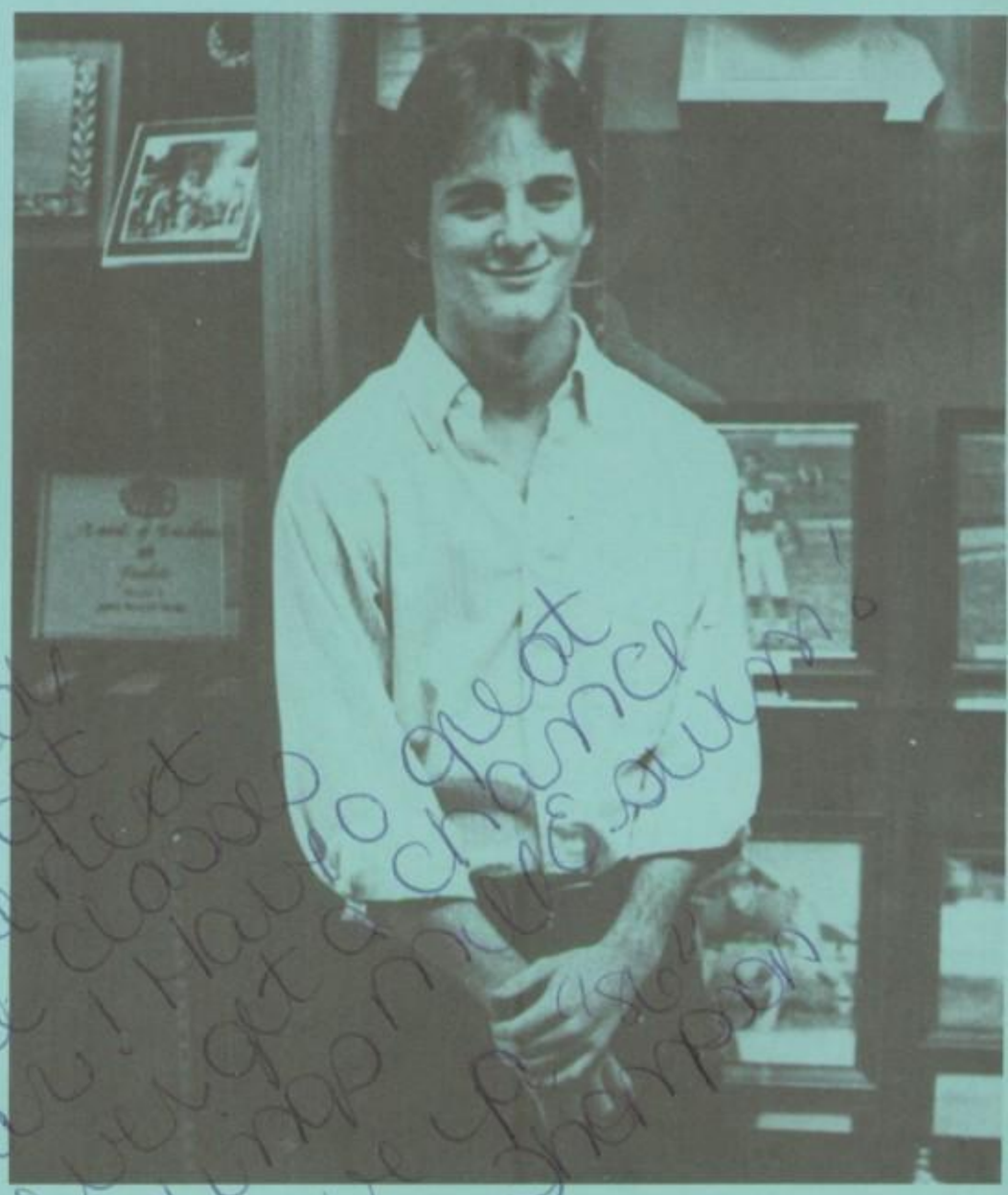


"To me athletic achievement is not just winning but reaching goals. I can not achieve anything if I do not have any goals to strive for. Winning is top priority to a lot of people but I feel that if a team reaches a goal that they had to strive for, then the game was a success." — **DIANA GREEN**

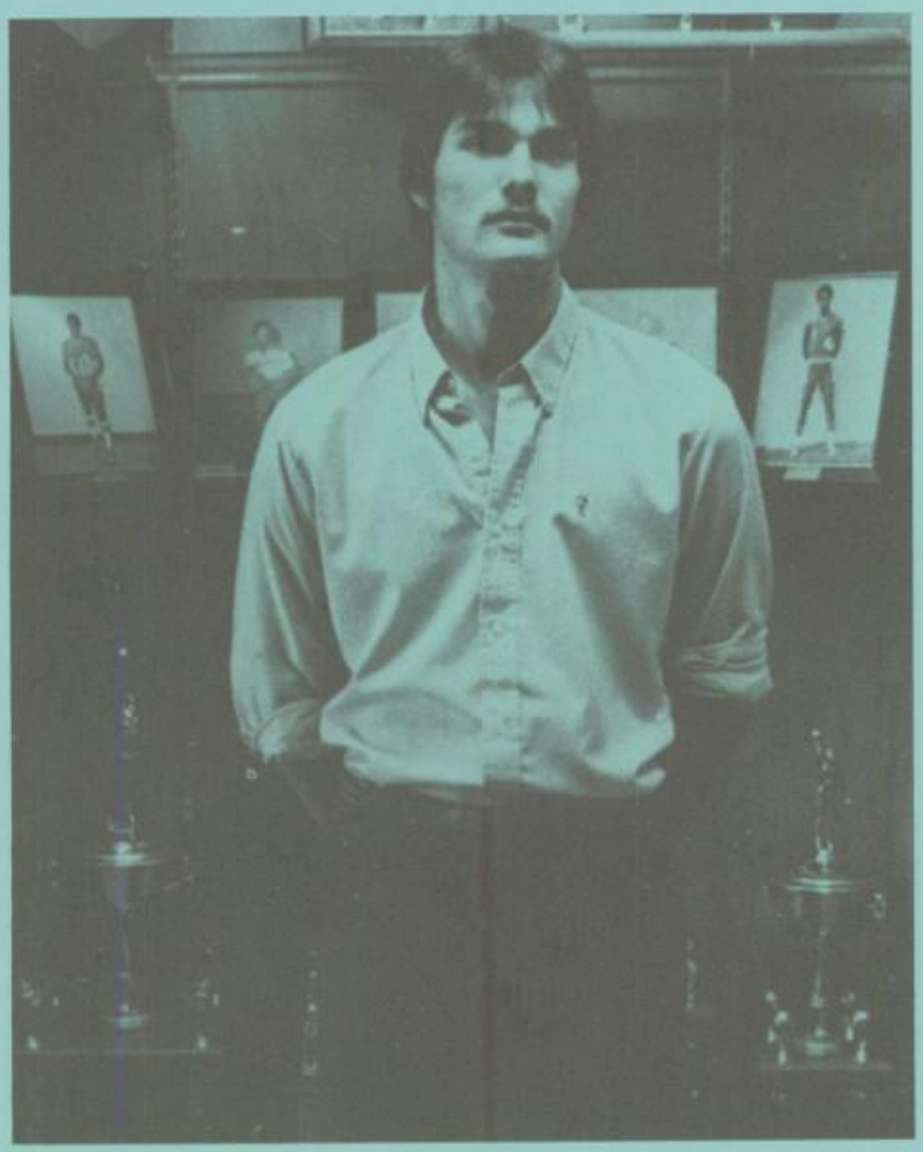
"Athletic achievement gives me a feeling of self satisfaction and pride in myself. Wrestling being more of an individual sport gives me more responsibility and pressure than most of the team sports. You either win on your own or you lose on your own. You know what it takes to win and you have to work hard and push yourself to reach that goal. No one can do it for you. Taking pride in what you accomplish is what we need at Memorial and once you get it no one can take it from you." — **DAVID HEFLIN**

"Achievement, as an athlete, takes a lot of hard work and dedication. But after the season is over, and you know that you did your best, then it is all worth it. Even if just one person told you that you played well. It still makes you feel good to walk off the field when you know you have played your best, even if nobody knows. Then you have achieved success as a athlete." — **JOHN GOSWICK**



When Memorial High School students played sports everybody watched. This was the reason TALON obtained some opinions from a few of our gifted athletes that were important to the function of athletics.

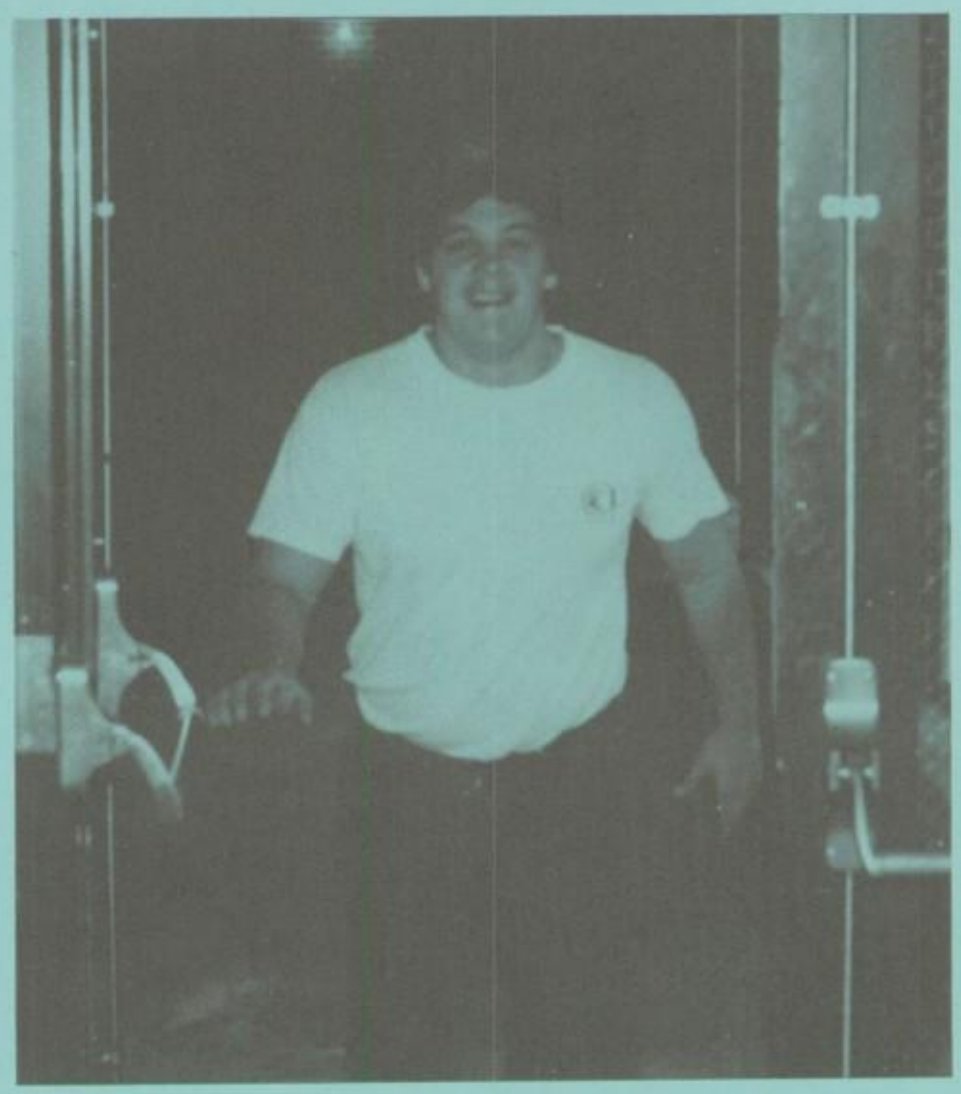
Students such as junior **Diana Green,** volleyball player; sophomore **David Heflin,** wrestler, sophomore **John Goswick,** football player, senior **Misé Rodgers,** volleyball player, senior **Mike Roughton,** basketball player, and senior **Devin Kline,** wrestler, told in their own words what athletic achievement meant to them.



"Athletic achievement means a lot to me. I like playing sports and athletic achievement lets me know that I put forth a good effort. It also lets me know that I have accomplished my goals that I set out to do. It's something that I can look back on and say that I took part in sports with a goal of achievement in mind and accomplished it." — **MIKE ROUGHTON**

"Athletic achievement or success is not just personal achievement but team achievement. In order to have athletic success you feel you need three elements: dedication, hardwork, and mental stability. Being a success is not necessarily scoring the most points or being the star, it is just doing the best job you can do and being proud of it." — **MISÉ RODGERS**

"Athletic achievement to me means a lot of different things. It means hard work, dedication, and most of all good coaching. Athletic achievement takes both mental and physical abilities and a great desire to be a success in life as well as in athletics." — **DEVIN KLINE**

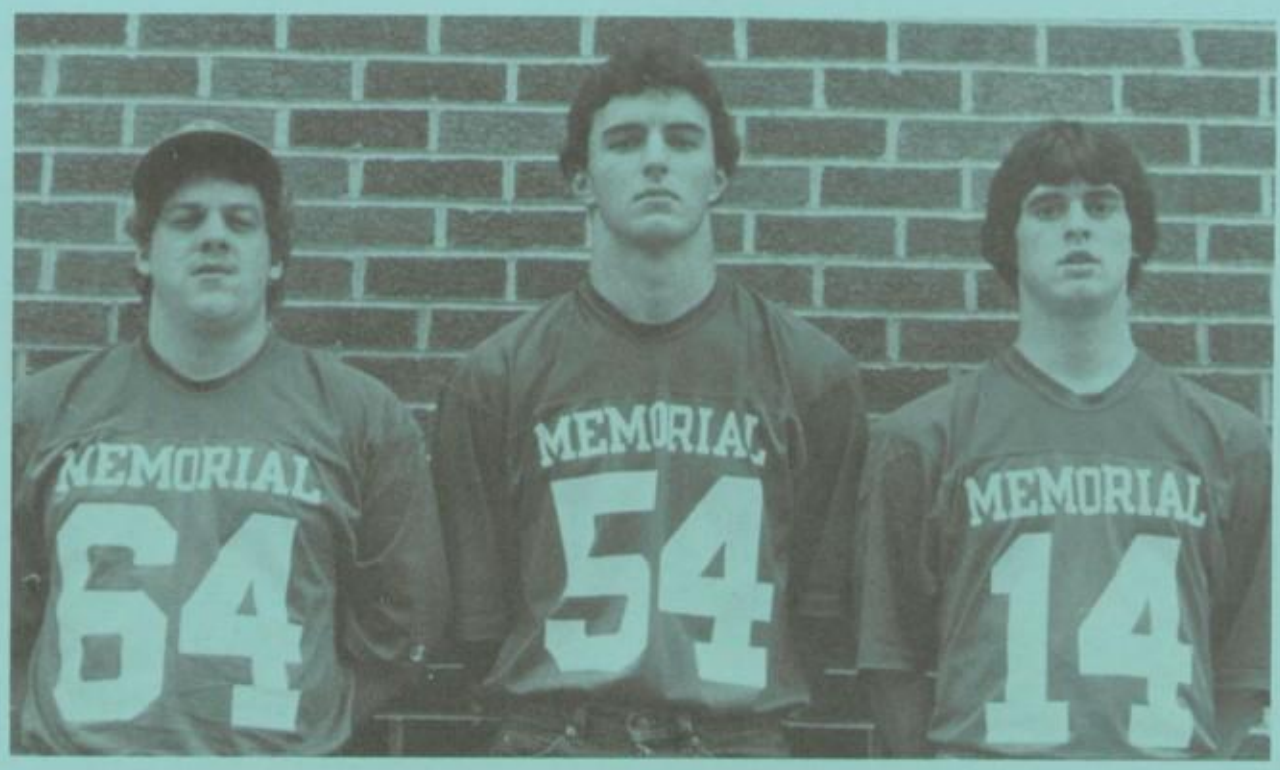


Best record in 5 years

The Memorial football team finished the year with a 3-7 record in 1983. This may not seem too overwhelming but considering it is the best record since 1979, it was not bad. Seven losses were still too many for the Eagles, but included in these games were many well played and hard fought games where mental mistakes were the purpose for our downfall.

The 1983 season brought to us many things that some never would have believed. First of all, **Dewey Combs'** right hand man, **Mickey Heatherly,** took the reigns of Memorial football program. Next, four of Memorial's first five opponents were ranked in the top 3 of their respective class and all saw post season action. The amazing thing about this was that their opposition all knew that the Eagles were not the same old Memorial and had become quite a worthy team. Sophomore **John Goswick** broke two school records with 9 pass receptions in one game and 50 for the season. Quarterback, **Ron Weston** also set a school mark with 88 completions.

Memorial had a reputation for being a bunch of nice guys who weren't a football team. **Coach Heatherly** brought in a winning attitude and the players took to it like bees to honey. Great advances were made this year to rid everybody of that thought. The players now know they can compete with teams at any level because this year the Eagles became a TEAM. It's a shame that Memorial has only one more year to reach their goal of a winning season. The fact that they learned to work as a team puts us already halfway through our journey to reach their goal.

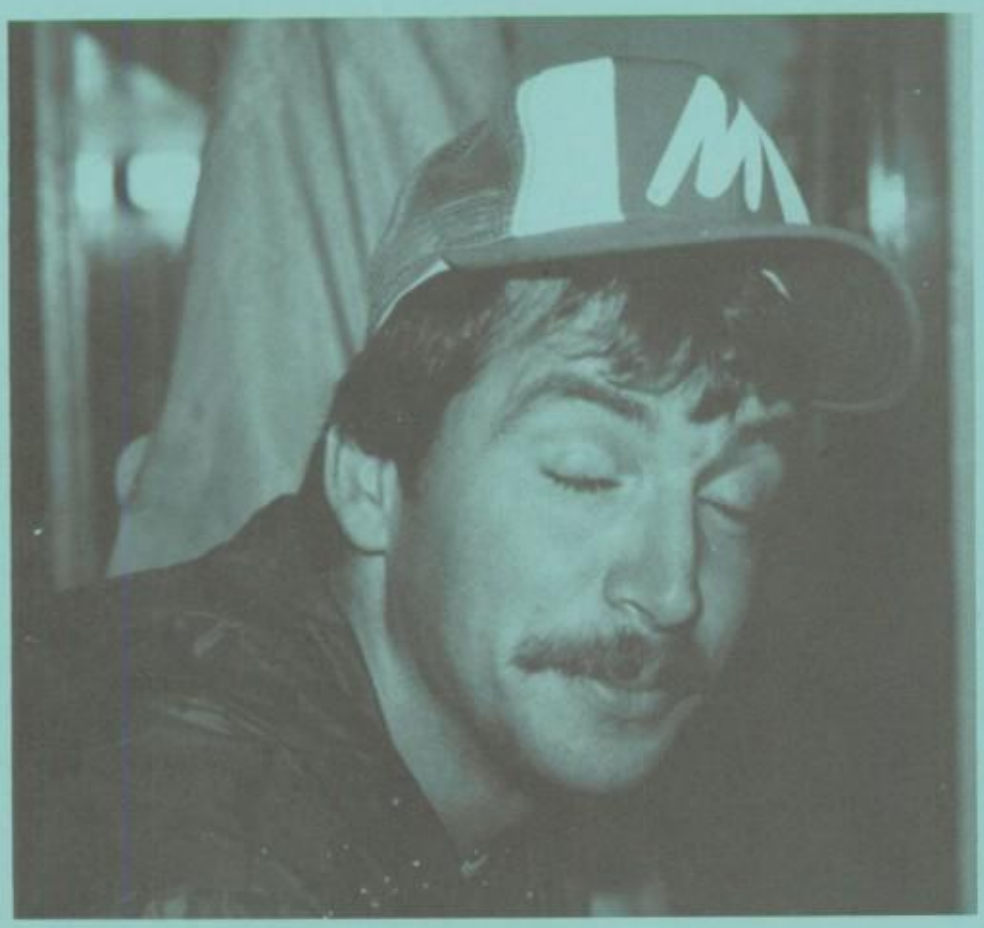


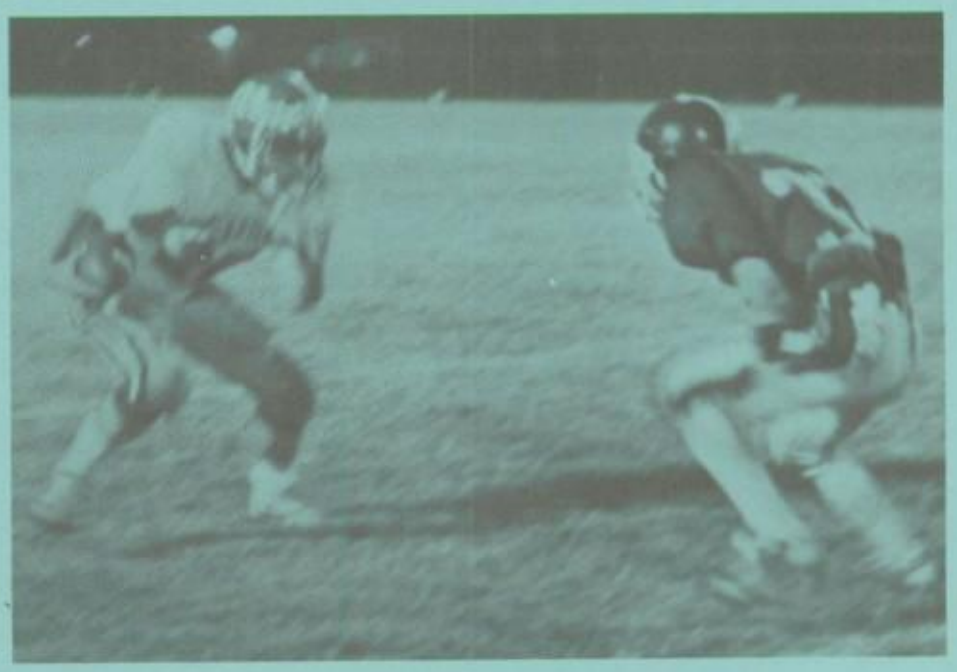
Varsity team captains in 1983 were **Devin Kline, Gary Rhoades,** and **Jim Kendall.**

Running back **Marques Rodgers** goes in motion in route to catching a TD pass.

Coach Heatherly watches intently as the Eagles batter their opposition.

The 1983 Varsity Football Team was; Front Row: **Kelly Graham, Jade Downey, Brian Petty, David Howard, Steve Pearish, Mark Pugh, Jeff Graham, Neal Huggins, Tad Goswick, Todd Meinhardt, David Tripp.** Second Row: **John Goswick, Jim Graham, Devin Kline, Cornell Harbin, Tom Taffner, Andy McGriff, Shannon Huggins, Albert McGee, Jon Farmer, Steve Wood, Darin Hertzberg.** Third Row: **Troy Clapp** (student manager), **Jim Kendall, Jim Curtis, Joe Gardner, Kerry Watts, Eric Roach, Jim Brock, Mike Allgood, Ron Weston, Todd Good, Darryl Reynolds, Robert Hussong, Chris Still** (student trainer). Back Row: **Mark Williams, Eric Colbert, Travis Sparks, Mark Edmonson, Wayne Cooper, Gary Rhoades, Marques Rodgers, J. R. McNee, Nate Tate, Vincent Gaylord, Hayse Stewart,** and **Shane Hurst.**

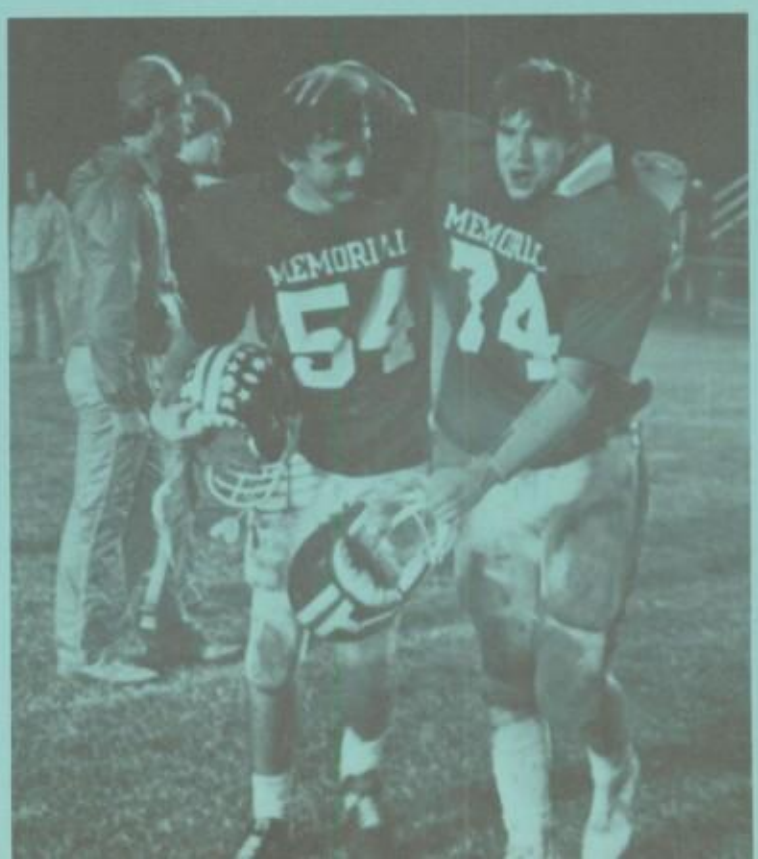




Coach **Francis Lynch** blushes after **Vincent Gaylord** compliments him about how cute his legs are.

John Goswick breaks down to tackle his opponent.

Gary Rhoades and **Shane Hurst** celebrate after the prevailing in the season's final 7-0 over Nevada.



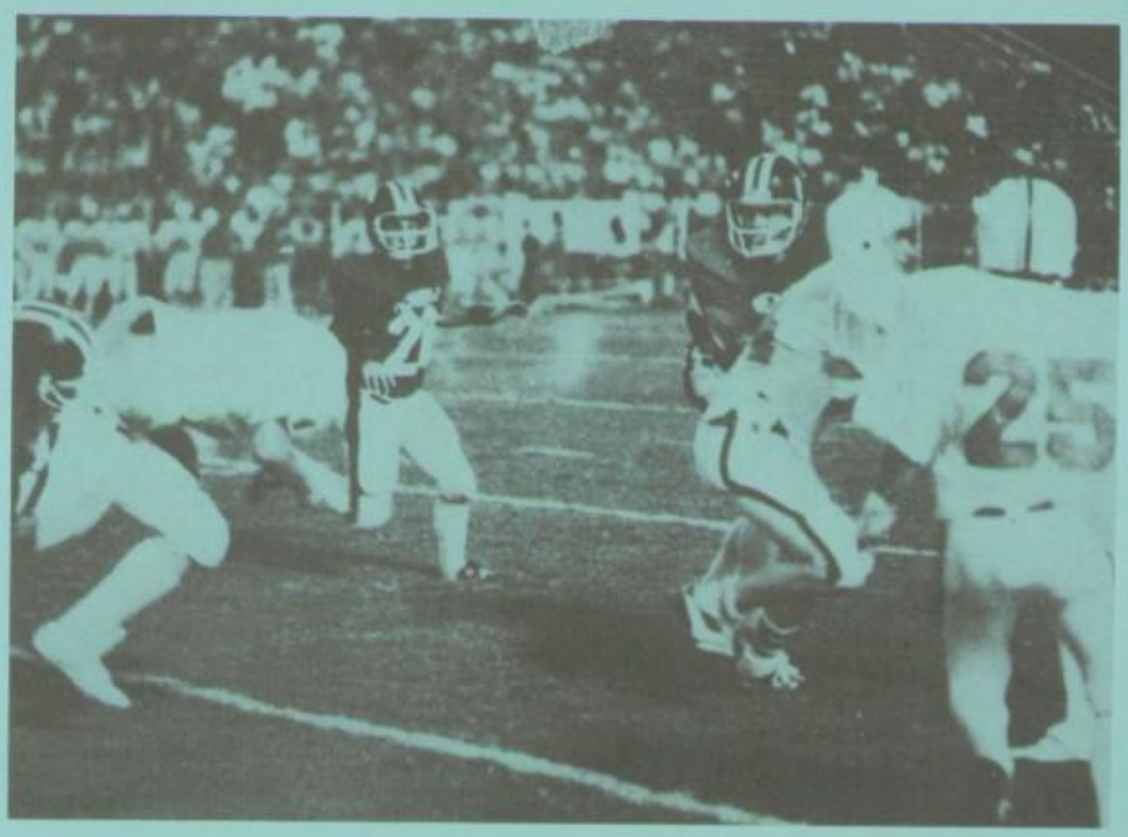
Frosh create a great season

The Varsity football team won more games this year than in the past three put together. However the freshman team deserves just as much attention for their outstanding effort this year. The freshman finished with an awesome record of 4-2 and a tie for the Big Six Conference Championship.

The overall performance of the freshman team was outstanding. The overall team attitude and desire was a key reason for their success as was their willingness to give 100% at all times. The biggest asset was that when the players took the field, they played as a team instead of eleven different individuals.

On the next level of grid iron action, the J.V.'s racked up only one victory but Coach Lynch feels that does not dilute the overall success of the team.

"The main purpose of our J.V. program was to give our young kids a chance to find out what varsity ball is like without worrying about all the pressures of a varsity player. Even though we won only one game, I feel the season was quite successful in that the win will be like a piece of pie. After one piece they'll like the taste and go back for more." stated Coach Lynch.



Travis Sparks runs a pass pattern.

Eagle defenders bring down the Carl Junction ball carrier.

Back Row: **Carl Hatfield, Doug Sandrin, Rob Kanakis, Jack Cress, Nathan Colson, Kevin Hart, Gordon Noah, Boyd Downey, Lee Rhoades.** Middle Row: **Kurt Wolf, Jeff Reagan, Bobby Phillips, Jack Watt, Will Hobart, Jason George, John Wimberly, Lanny Peavler, Reed Hoagland.** Front Row: **Mike Martin, Mike Freer, Steve Dayringer, Owen Hudson, Rich Copher, Billy Peavler, Clay Adams, Eric Vancil.**

Kevin Hart takes a well earned breather.

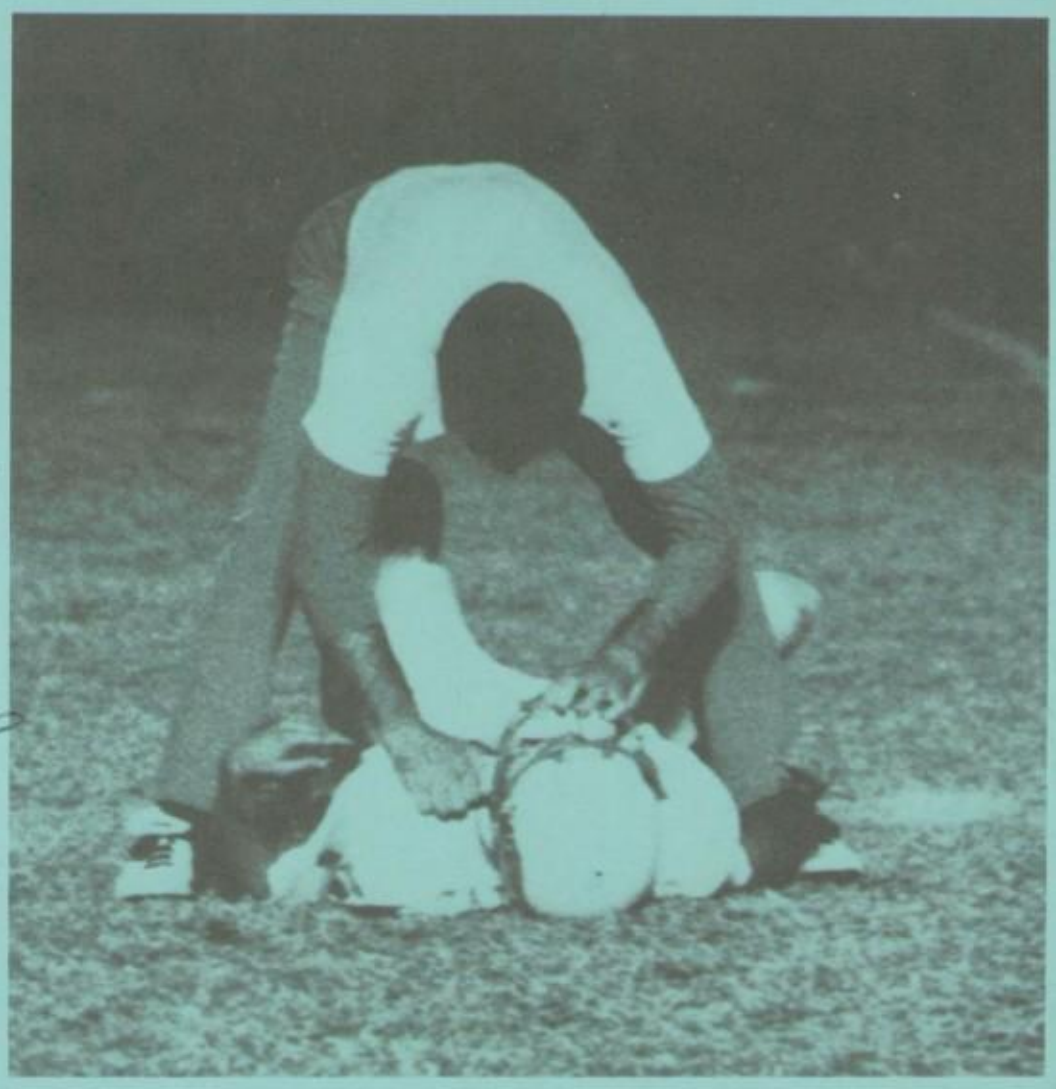
Junior Varsity offense gets yet another first down.

Football: A game of hard knocks

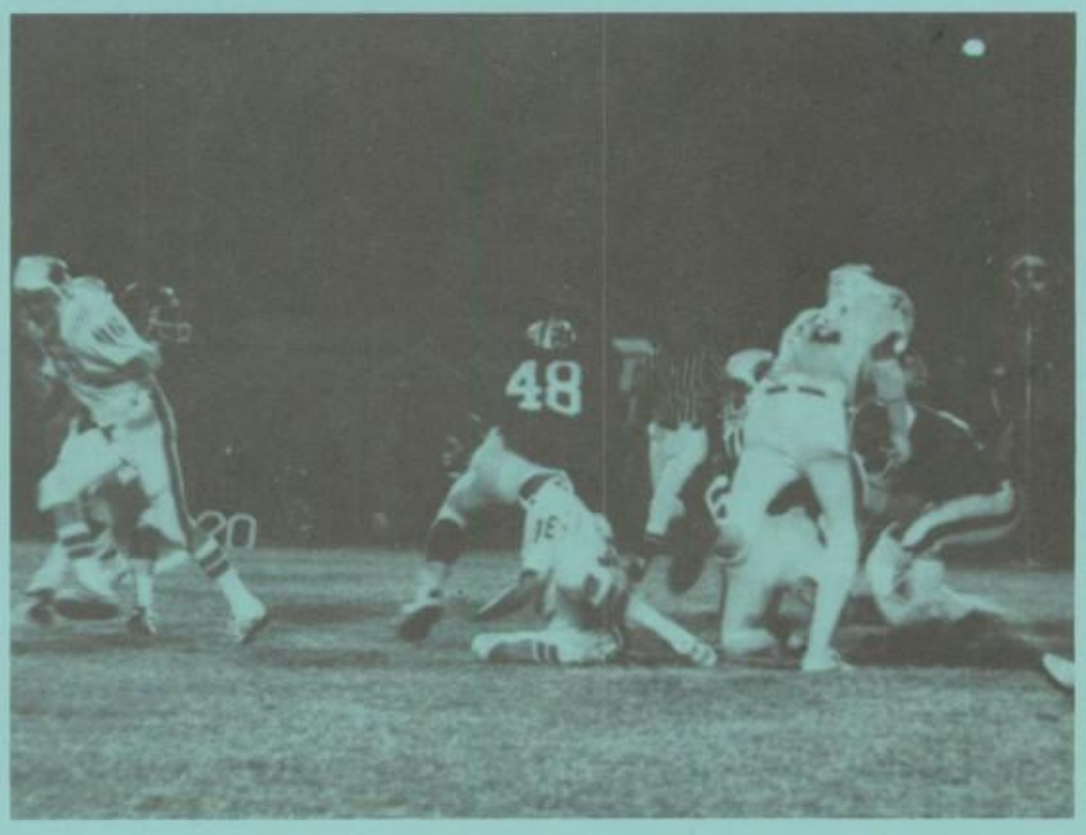
"Blue 142! Blue 142! Set! Hut!" Phrases like this set off one of the greatest chain reactions of bumps, bruises, and teeth-jarring collisions that anyone would ever experience. That phrase set into action 22 young men in different colored shirts whose job was to use as much physical abuse as possible to man-handle their respective target. This chain reaction was just one of over 100 that about 50 young men from Memorial experienced for 10 Friday nights a year on a 120 yard long field. It was the game football.

Players remember being out on the practice field of Junge stadium on the famous August two-a-days, when the mercury often exceeded 100°. Players could tell stories about those practices that most would swear were lies. Many of them probably remember sitting on pillows at the dinner table.

Why?" someone may ask. It's an abstract feeling that only the players themselves could describe.



Corey Williams mischievously grins after tearing off the head of his opponent. Coach **Rusty Shelley** attends to one of his injured Webb City Cardinals.



The football team horses around at a pre-season pep rally.

Freshmen watch intently as their teammates battle toward victory.

Varsity nails another Webb City ball carrier.

Hard work equals spirit

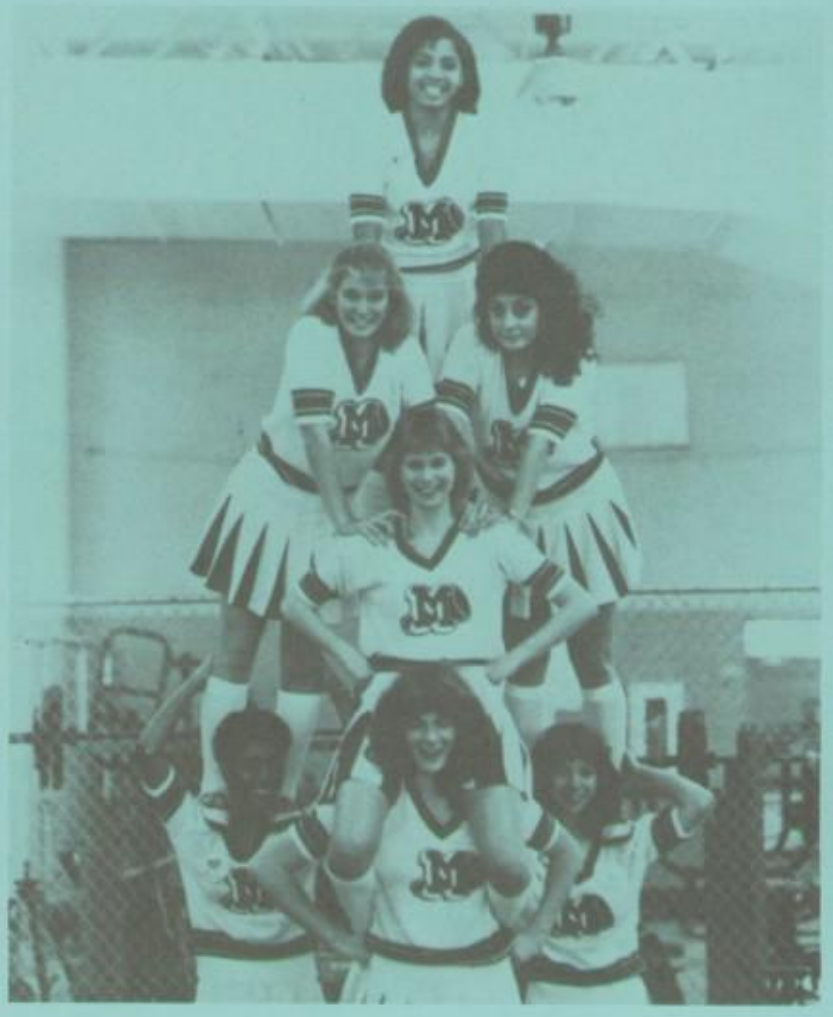
"Memorial, Eagles, Go!, Go!, Go!" This is just one of the many chants that students at Memorial associate with the Varsity cheerleading squad. Behind each bright chant there was a lot of hard work and preparation.

This years Varsity cheerleading squad consisted of **Valerie Branch, Traci Hertzberg, Lisa Joseph, Sally Lea, Laurel Ricketts, Gina Bazzano, Lisa Holly and Traci Palmer. Carolyn Grayson** worked hard with **Miss Murray** as cheerleading manager.

The year started off with many summer practices to prepare for the N. C. A. cheerleading camp. This year the squad went to the University of Arkansas. The squad was awarded superior ratings for each evaluation.

With the coming of fall the football season brought many activities that required extra planning by the cheerleaders. The beginning of November gave the cheerleaders a break of one week which was all too short! During basketball season the cheerleaders devoted 10 hours a week towards raising school spirit.

One of the Varsity cheerleaders noted, "that on top of the hard work there are special rewards that only a true cheerleader will achieve. It's a sport involving girls that grow to have a special relationship. Cheerleading does bring a definite sense of accomplishment!"



Cheerleaders show their strength and flexibility.

The cheerleaders show a pyramid of spirit.

Senior cheerleders show their spirit.

The Varsity cheerleading squad: **Valerie Branch, Gina Bazzano, Lisa Joseph, Lisa Holly, Sally Lea, Traci Palmer, Traci Hertzberg, Laurel Ricketts.**

Valerie Branch

Traci Hertzberg

Sally Lea hangs around during cheerleading practice.

Sally Lea

Lisa Joseph

Gina Bazzano gets ready for a game.

Gina Bazzano

Laurel Ricketts

Traci Palmer

Lisa Holly

Spirit promoted

The Junior Varsity and Freshman cheerleading squads proved indispensable in promoting our school spirit during the 1983-84 school year.

The Junior Varsity squad consisted of **Nanci Bazzano**, captain; **Ingrid Reeves**, co-captain; **Tanya Barkley, Leslie Daniels, Jamie Douglas, Missy Carlisle, Missy Weisbrough**, and **Danna Woolever.**

Other than leading our school in various chants and cheers the J.V. squad participated in other cheerleading activities such 'as cheerleading camp. At camp the J.V. squad won three superior ribbons, the spirit stick three times, and the over-all spirit stick and the megaphone award. To raise money the squad washed windows at the drive-in. Cheerleading practice was from 3:15 to 5:00 three days a week.

The Freshman cheerleading squad consisted of **Diane Curtis, Becky Donahou, Cheryl Felker, Kayleen Gurkin, Dawn Holly, Lori McMillan, Amy Weston,** and **Jackie Wright.**

All of the girls proved to be an asset in promoting Memorial's spirit.

After going through the agony of tryouts the girls got to practice, practice, practice! During the summer the freshman squad met at Humphrey Park to learn new cheers. During the school year the squad practiced three days a week from 3:15 to 5:00.

Miss Murray served as the cheerleading sponsor and **Carolyn Grayson** served as manager of the squads.

The Freshman cheerleading squad: **Jackie Wright, Cheryl Felker, Amy Weston, Kayleen Gurkin, Lori McMillan, Diane Curtis, Becky Donahou** and **Dawn Holly.**

The Freshman squad displays a mount.

Jackie Wright waits for the game to start.

The Junior Varsity squad: **Dana Woolever, Leslie Daniels, Nanci Bazzano, Missy Weisbrough, Missy Carlisle, Tanya Barkley, Ingrid Reeves,** and **Jamie Douglas.**

Nanci Bazzano roles to play a spirited football player.

Carolyn Grayson served as manager of the cheerleading squads.

Miss Murray goes over a few pre-pep assembly plans with **Bryan Shank.**

Volleyball team fields talent

The volleyball team finished the season with two first team all-conference members along with a second place finish in the conference. The team's final record was 12 - 7.

Sara Vavra and **Melissa Rodgers** were two receivers of first-team all-conference along with **Diana Green** and **Dana Lewis** who received honorable mention. **Sara** led the team with 110 points, second was **Carla Jennings,** with 98 points. **Melissa Rodgers** was the team leader in spikes and blocks with 132 and 22, respectively.

With all of these different leaders in different aspects it was obvious that the season's success relied on the teamwork of all it's talent. As coach **Kuklentz** put it, "When we played well and were winning, it was a team effort."

Melissa Rodgers spoke for most of the team when she said, "We would have gone further had we played as a team instead of individually."

Graduating seniors on the team were **Dana Lewis, Mise Rodgers, Carla Jennings** and **Sara Vavra.**

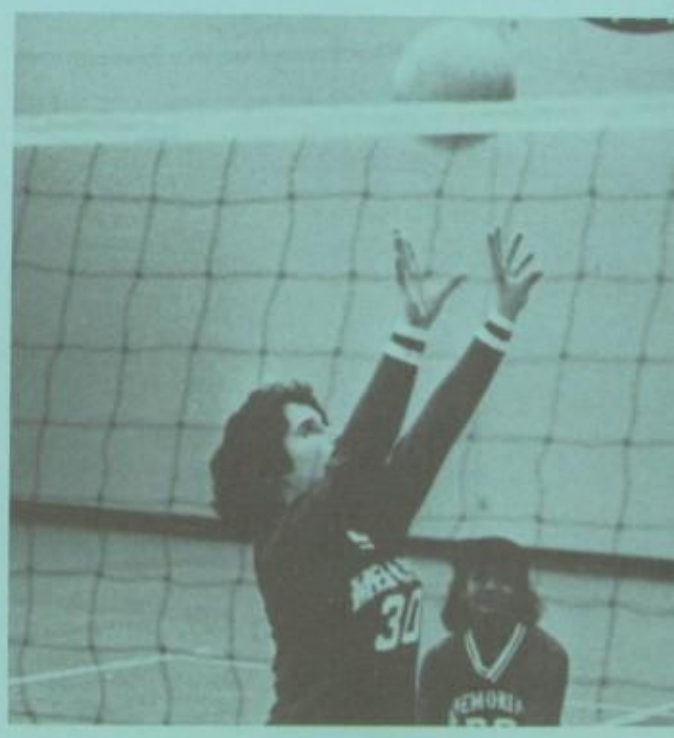
The Varsity team included **Lisa Colbert, Rhonda Hembree, Diane Green, Dana Lewis, Mise Rodgers, Sara Vavra, and Carla Jennings.**

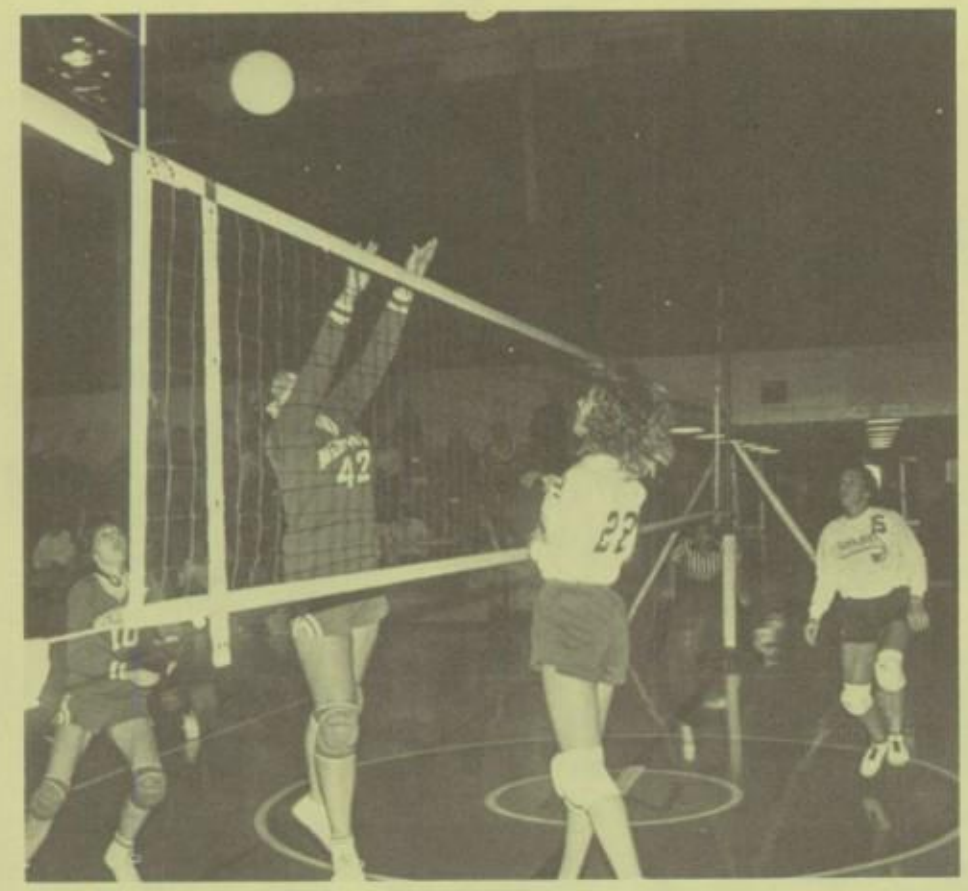
Coach Kuklentz looks on as the team practices in pre-game warm-up.

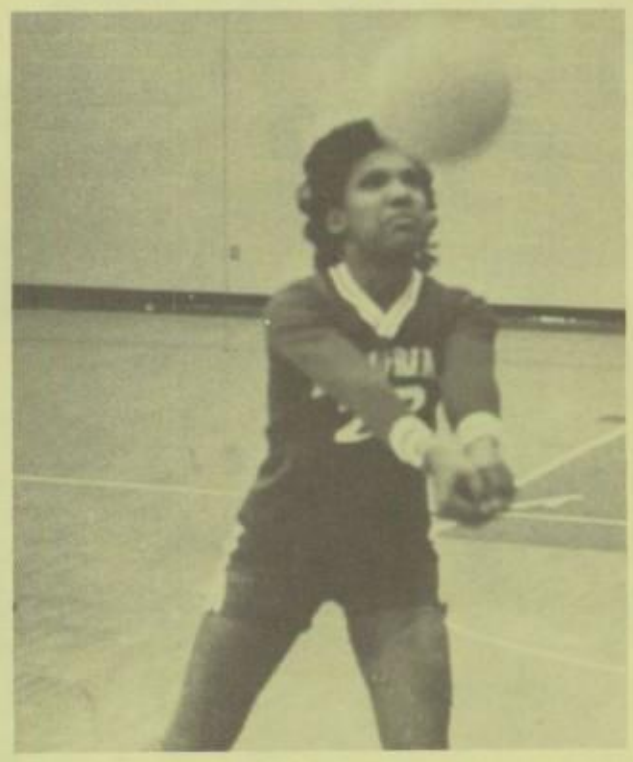
Lisa Colbert's serving technique kept the team in some of the closer matches.

Dana Lewis gave her all to the team and sacrificed her body on some of those tough shots.

Rhonda Hembree sets the ball to let one of her teammates spike it.







Diana Green sets up the spike for **Sara Vavra** in a match with Parkwood.

All-Conference players were **Dana Lewis, Sara Vavra, Melissa Rodgers**, and **Dian Green.**

The junior varsity squad for the '83 season included 1st row: **Kelly Straton, Latrisha Gunn, Carrie Giltner** 2nd row: **Raquel England, Dawn Light, Deanne Turner** and **Mellodee Colbert.**

Melissa concentrates on a volley to hit it with precision.

Two junior varsity members practice in pre-game warm-up.

Girls experience building year

The girls basketball teams experienced a semi-successful season after losing some experienced players. Some freshman even played Varsity basketball as the need arose.

The Varsity team won their first game against Newton County. The final score was 37-33. The Junior Varsity team won their first game against Webb City. The final score was 20-18.

The girls practice from 3:00 to 5:00, Monday thru Friday, during the basketball season. **Coach Kuklentz,** who coached her 2nd year of girls basketball at Memorial, commented that even the amount of experience was low the girls never gave up and always gave 100% of their ability.

Varsity players show enthusiasm before a game.

Diana Green and **Michelle Biledeau** race for the basket.

The Junior Varsity squad: Top row: **Coach Kuklentz, Sarah Palmer, Deanne Turner, Debbie Dobbins, Melody Colbert, Coach Chambers, Teresa Martin, Sandy Crane, Cheryl Bunting, Abby Windle, Renae Grayson, Jerri Mosby, Roxanna Moss, Teresa Holmes**

Coach Kuklentz concentrates on new strategy.

The Varsity squad: Top row **Coach Kuklentz, Michelle Bilodeau, Tracy Heath, Debbie Dobbins, Coach Chambers, Melody Colbert, Deanne Turner, Misè Rodgers, Sandy Crane, Roxanna Moss, Diana Green, Beth Lewis**

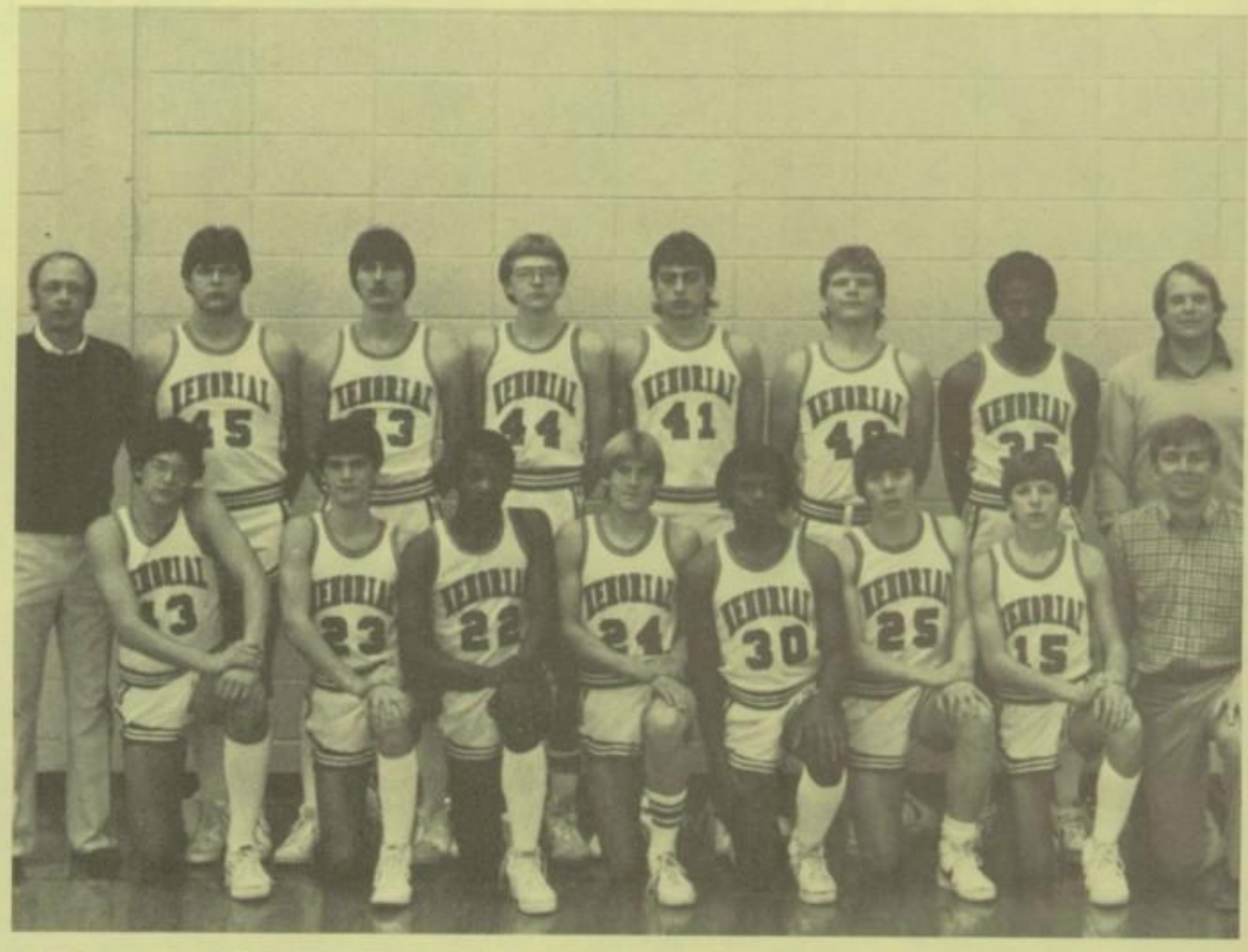
Misè Rodgers aims high.

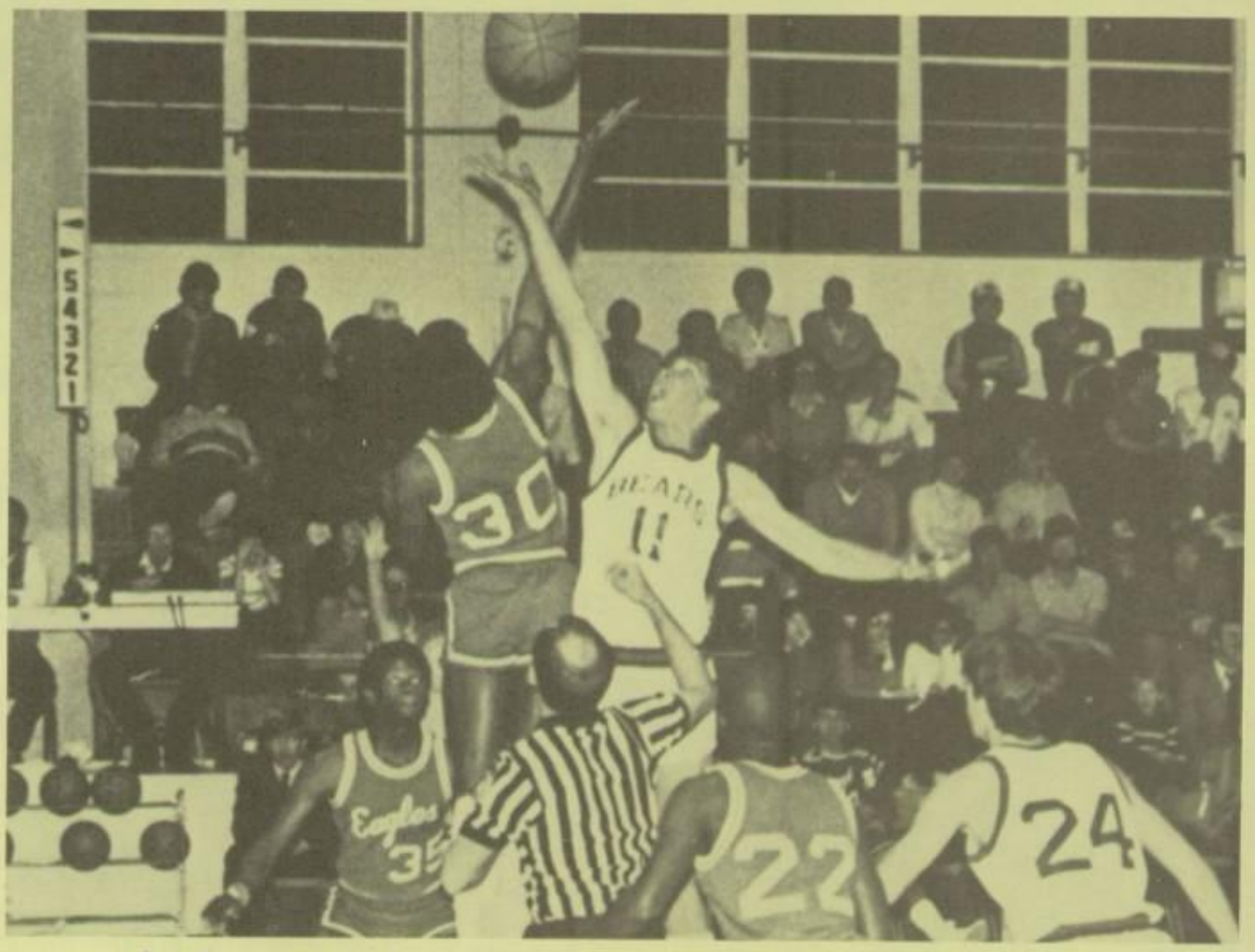
The Varsity squad huddles before game time.

Varsity stumbles

The varsity basketball team encountered a year of much inconsistency. With few starters returning from the '83 squad, the team lacked experience. **Mike Roughton** was the team's only returning starting player.

The Varsity squad consisted of **J. R. McNee, Mike Roughton, Brian Berkstresser, Wayne Cooper, Travis Sparks, Eric Colbert, Joe Gardner, Kevin Seward, Maurice Reeves, Aaron Bunch, Terrell Ingram, Dennis Robbins,** and **Brian Petty.** The head coach was **Phil Lewis.** Coach **Lewis'** assistants were **Scott Pennington** and **Skip Brock.**



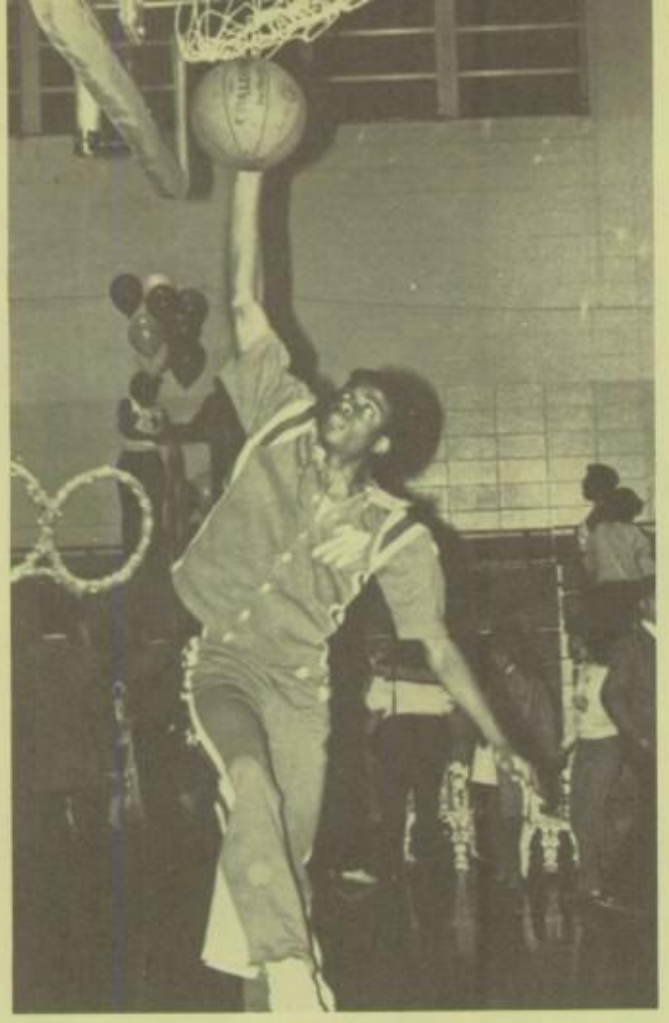


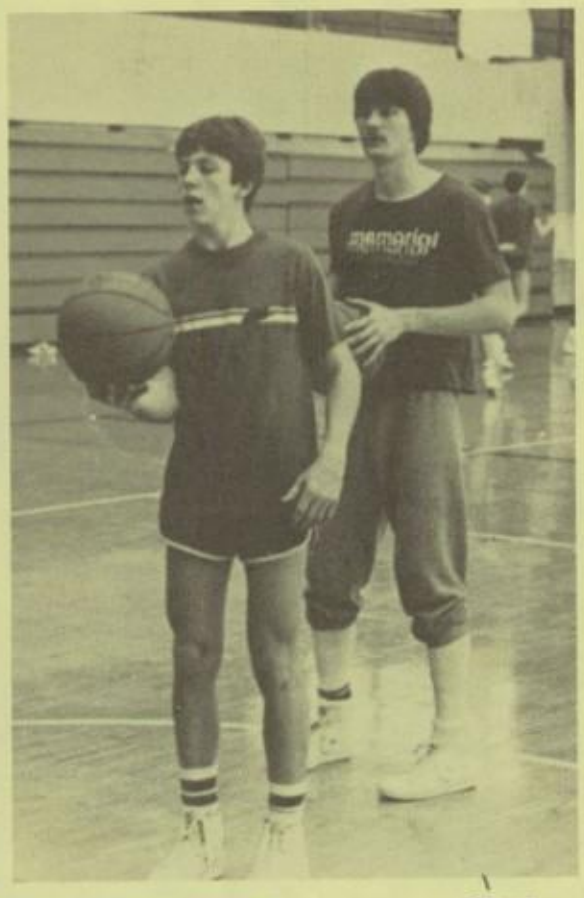
The team: **Coach Phil Lewis, J. R. McNee, Mike Roughton, Brian Berkstresser, Wayne Cooper, Travis Sparks, Eric Colbert, Coach Scott Pennington, Joe Gardner, Kevin Seward, Maurice Reeves, Aaron Bunch, Terrell Ingram, Dennis Robbins, Brian Petty, Coach Skip Brock.**

Eric Colbert puts it up for two in a crowd.

Terrell Ingram tips the ball to a teammate.

Joe,
You're a real sweet guy & a good friend [redacted]. Don't forget me over the summer. I mean it. Have fun & stay out of trouble (~~not too much~~ don't get caught) Call me. Good luck next year. I don't know what to write.
Love ya,
Cheryl



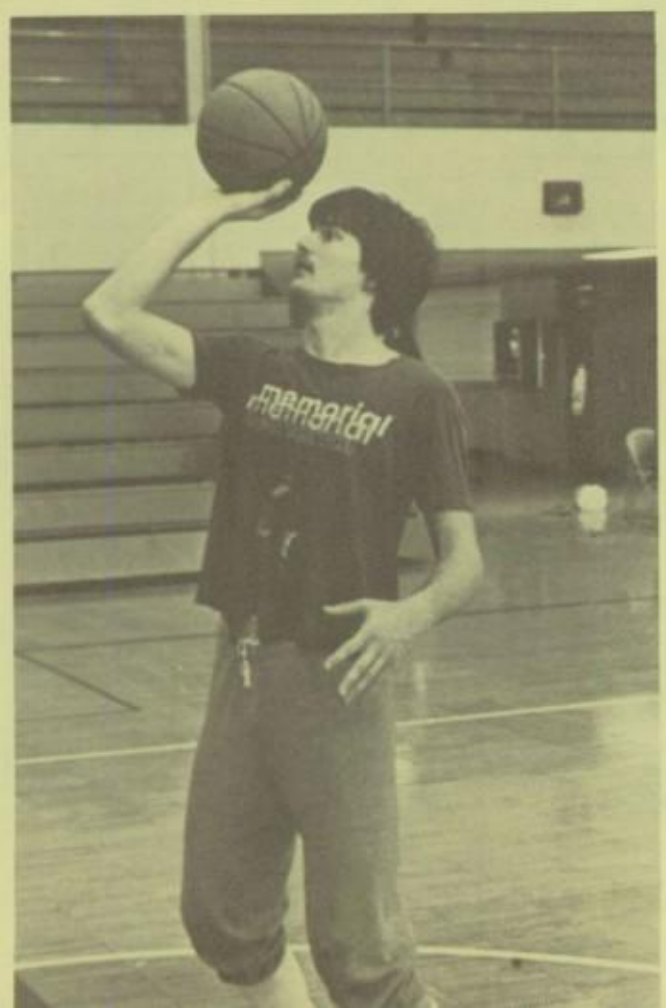


Terrell Ingram makes a lay-up in warm ups before a game.

Brian Petty takes a good look at the ball before shooting it in practice.

Wayne Cooper picks up his man on defense during a game.

Mike Roughton gets his form to perfection during practice.



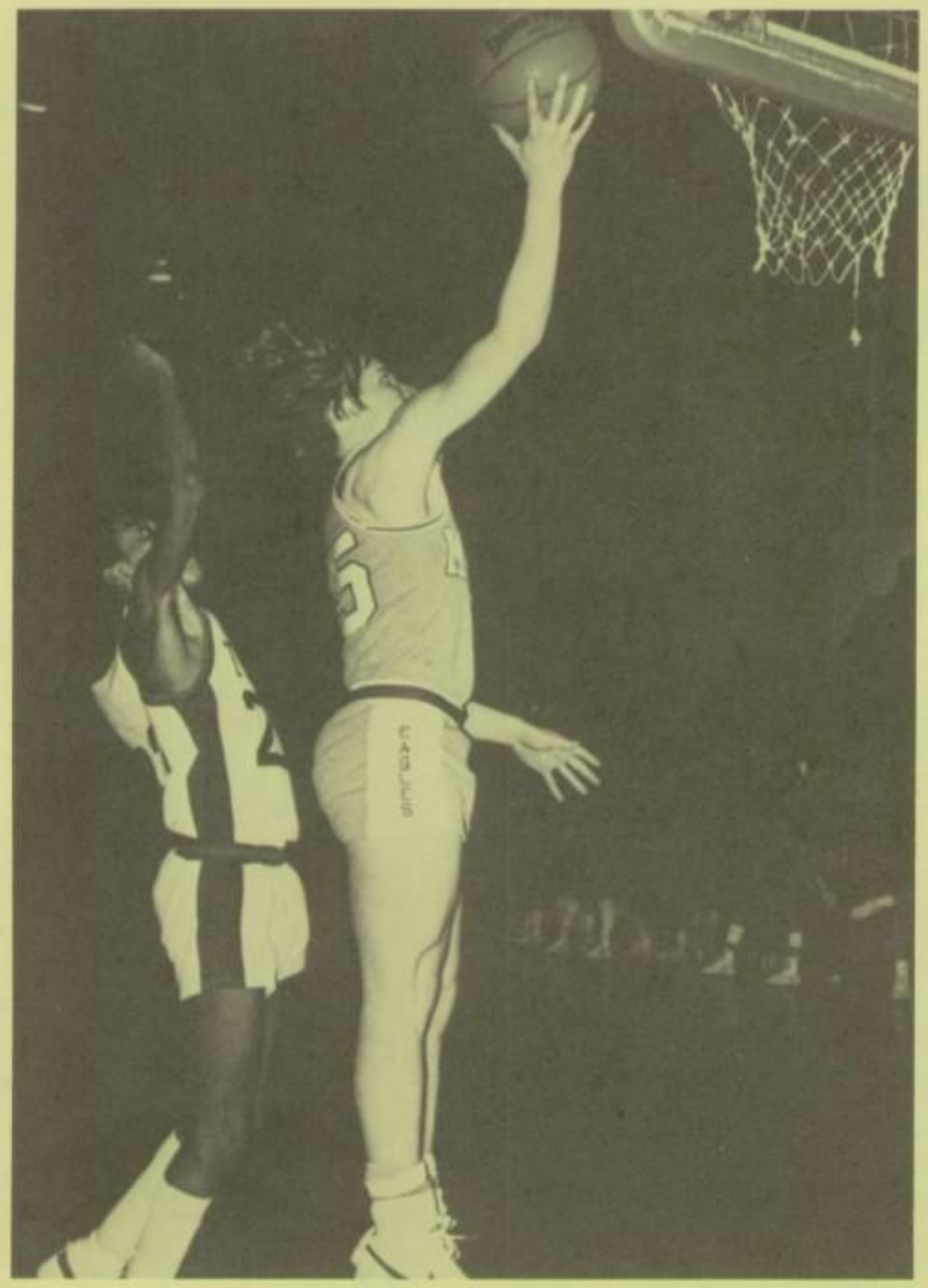
JV prepares for Varsity

This year's Junior Varsity basketball team was one of the finer groups in a while, according to head coach, **Scott Pennington. Coach Pennington** added; "This team will be the nucleus of next year's team."

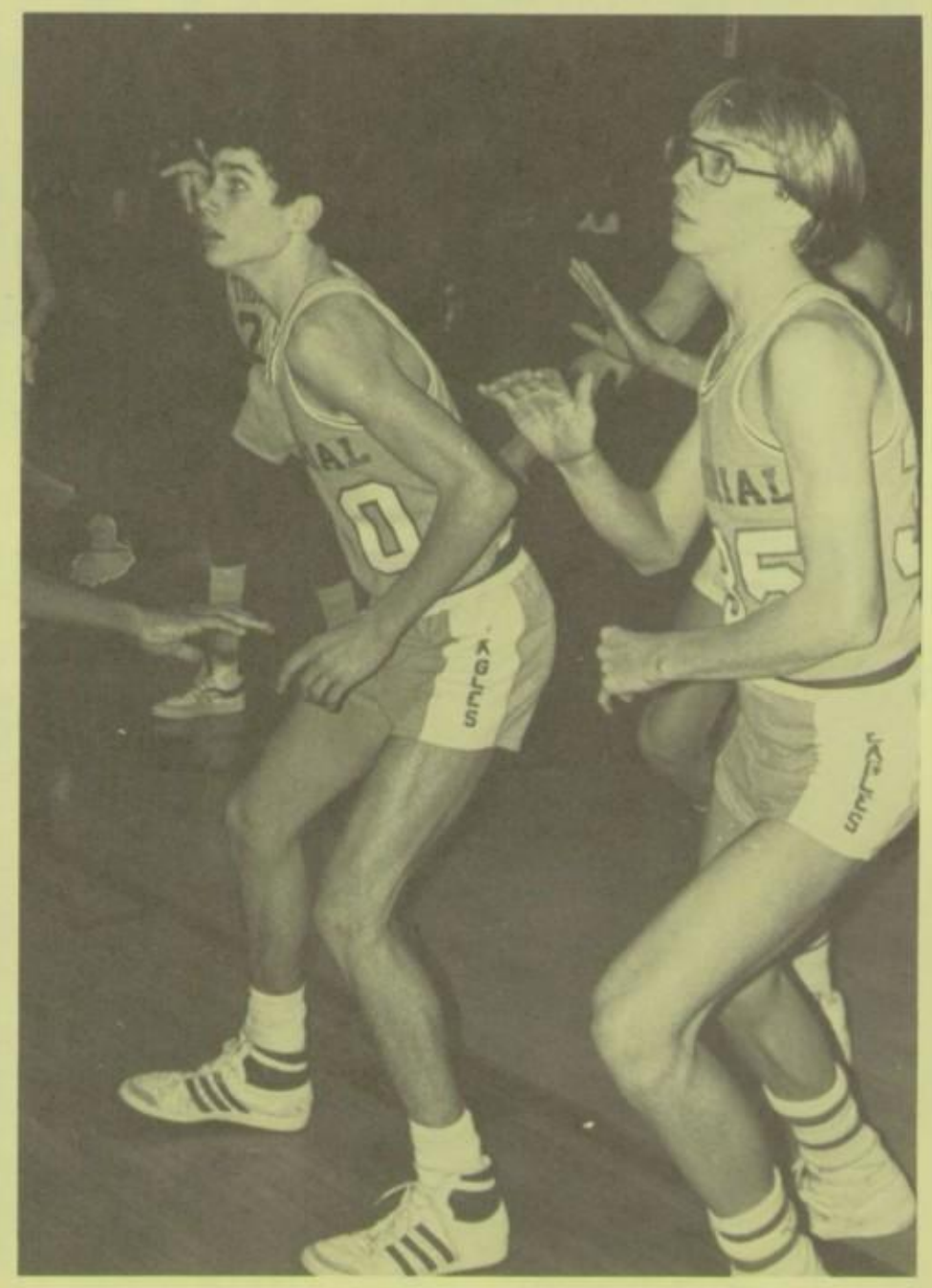
The team consisted of junior's **Aaron Bunch and Miguel Guillen;** and sophomores **Scott Jones, David Harder, J. R. McNee, Brian Speer, John Goswick, Kevin Seward, Dennis Robbins** and **Brian Berkstresser.**

The team: **Coach Pennington, Scott Jones, David Harder, J. R. McNee, Brian Berkstresser, Brian Speer. Front Row John Goswick, Miguel Guillen, Dennis Robbins, Aaron Bunch, Kevin Seward** and managers **Eric Miller** and **Troy Clap.**

Dennis Robbins takes it in for two.



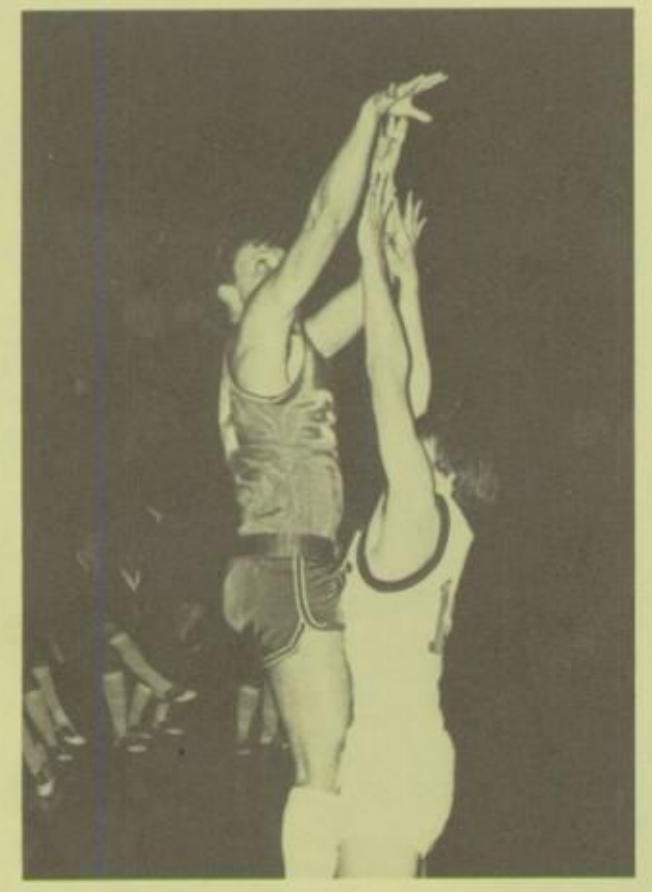
Scott Jones and **Brian Berkstresser** prepare for a rebound.

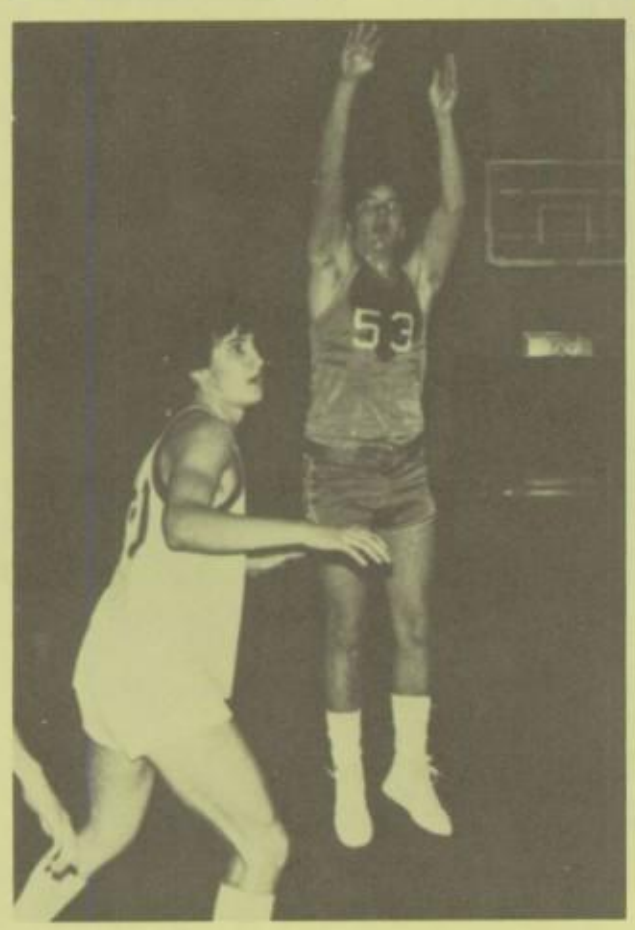


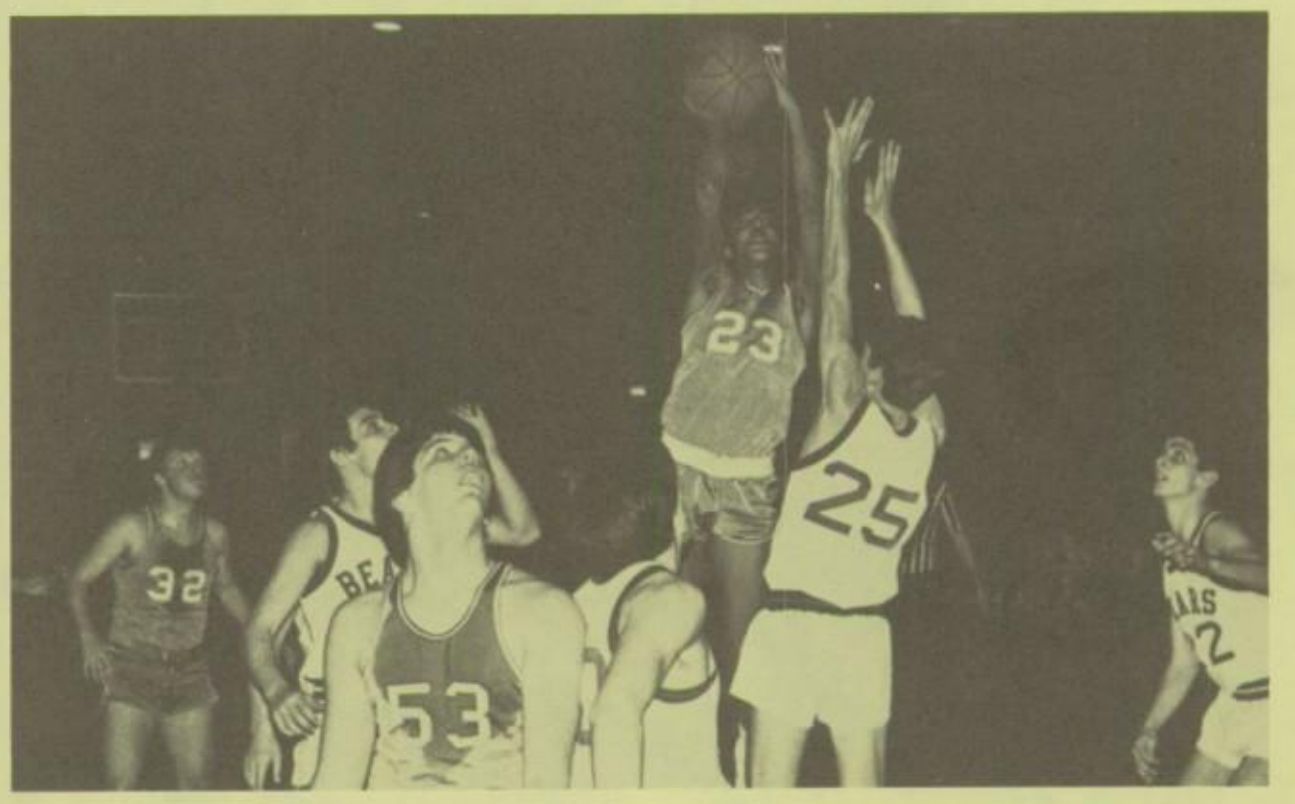
Freshmen look toward the future

The Freshmen basketball team had an up and down season. At times they looked unbeatable while at others their play wasn't up to the teams capabilities. After a year under their belt, the players are expected to improve greatly.

The team consisted of **Jack Cress, Mark Simon, Eric Ponder, David Robertson, Kevin Hart, Rob Duke, Boyd Downey, Chad Huffman, Steve Cambell, Matt Blankenship, Rob Kanakis, John Fancher, Chip Wright, Ricke Stewart, Mike Martin, Gordon Noah, and Jeff Ragan.**





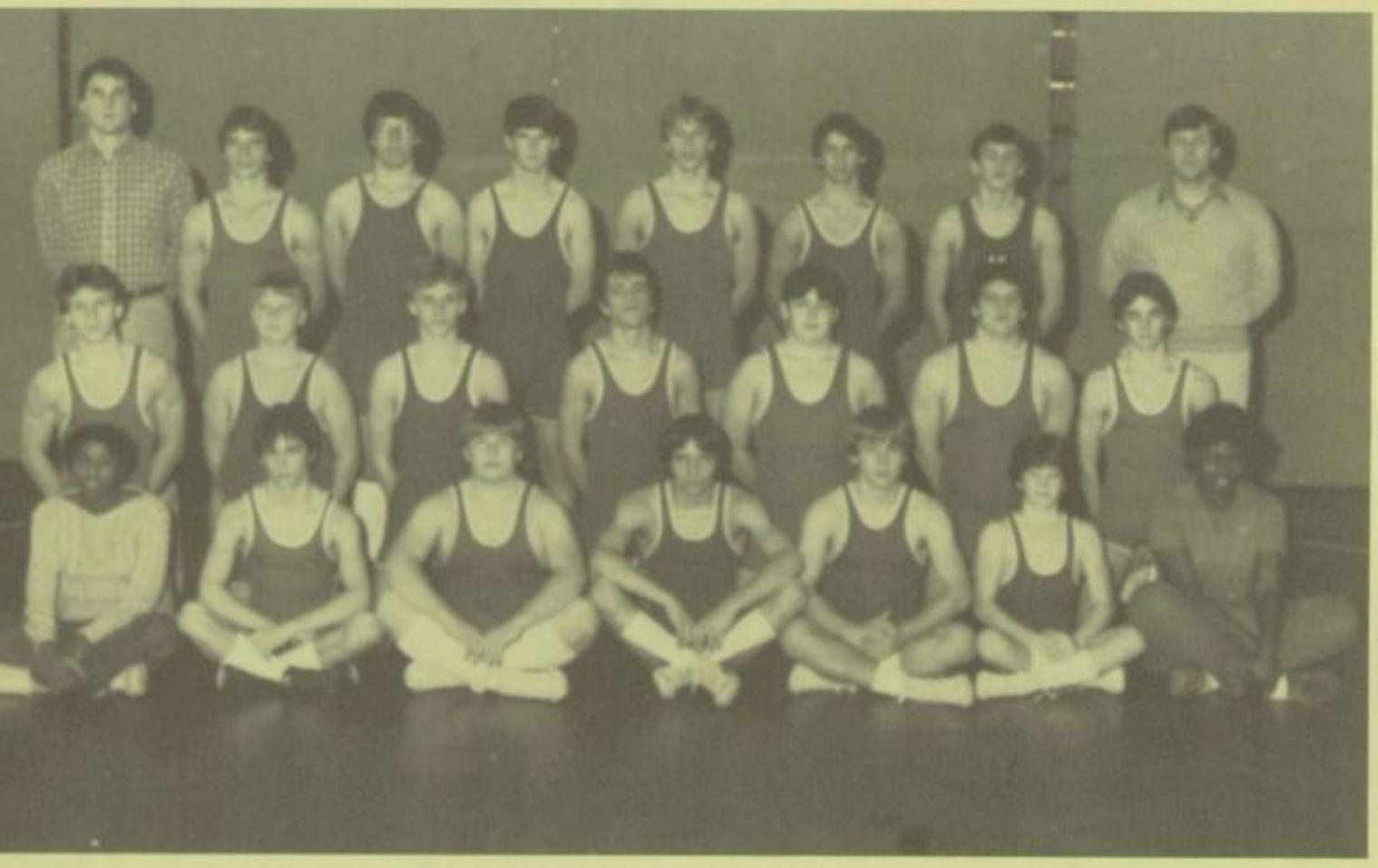


The team: **Coach Skip Brock, Jack Cress, Mark Simon, Eric Ponder, David Robertson, Kevin Hart, Rob Duke, Boyd Downey, Chad Huffman, Steve Cambell, Matt Blankenship, Rob Kanakis, John Fancher, Chip Wright, Rickie Stewart, Mike Martin, Gordon Noah,** and **Jeff Ragan.**

Mike Martin shot is up and away.

Mark Simon shoots over the defender.

Kevin Hart takes a long distance jumper.



Wrestlers found it necessary to keep every part of their body in shape.

Leslie Enlow and **Lee Rhodes** pair off to do their practice drills.

Phil Pflug seems to have a slight advantage over his opponent **(Todd Good)**.

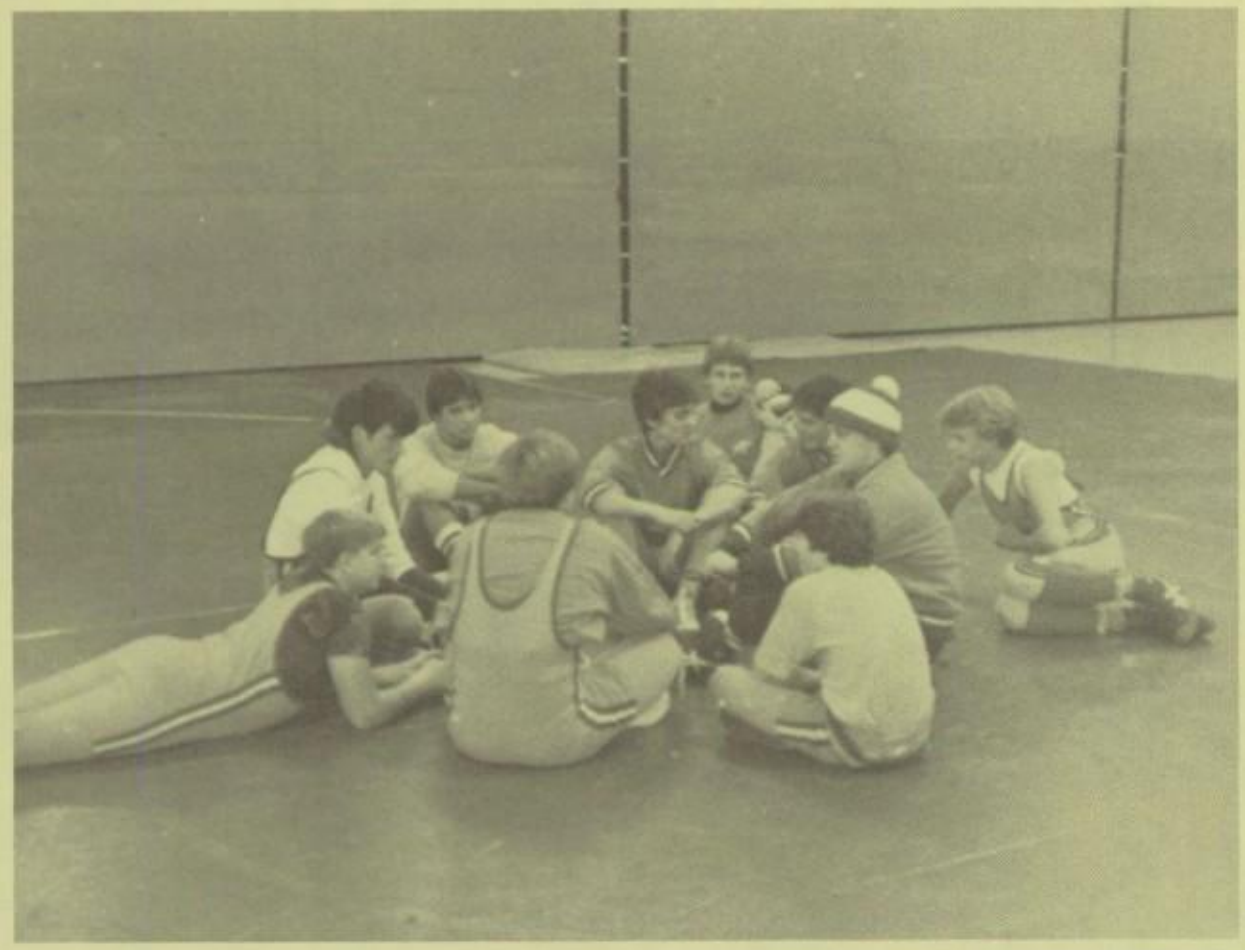
Pictured in the group shot are: **Robert Hembree, Frank Metz, Glen Dikeman, Kerry Watts, Lee Rhoades, Neal Huggins, Phil Pflug, Brian Wirick, Brad Benefiel, Doug Allen, Steve Pearish, Devin Kline, David Heflin, Robert Lewis, Charles Jay, Larry Gurley, Les Enlow, Jason Graham.** Team managers: **Terrena Ingram** and **Yvonne Swindell.** Coaches: **Rick Hamm** and **Jerry Watts.**

Is starvation worth it?

Football and basketball players were not the only ones who had to face long and tiring practices most everyday after school. During wrestling season, wrestlers could be found in the gym hard at work learning basic techniques of pinning opponents. Watching over these athletes was **Coach Jerry Watts.** This season marked his second year as Memorial Wrestling Coach.

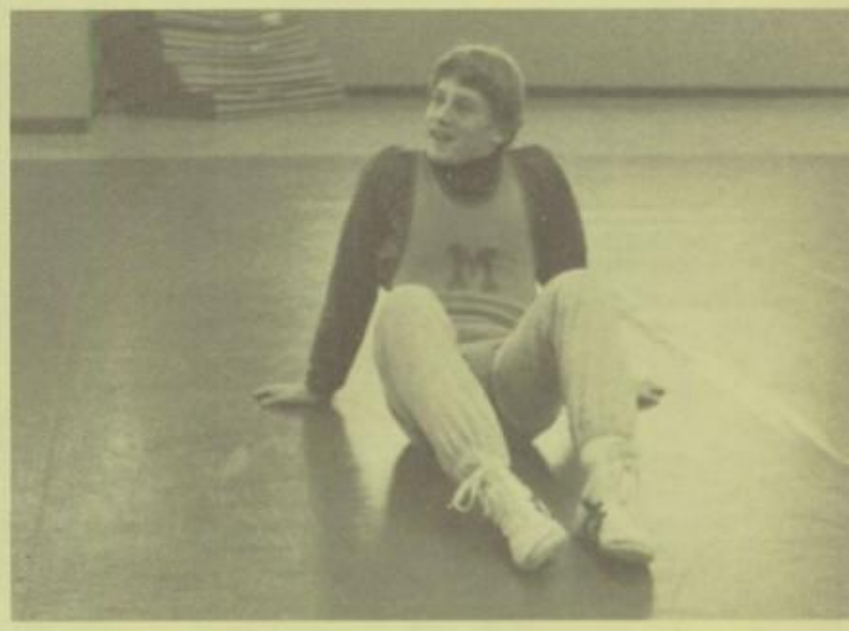
Each wrestler had to watch his weight and keep it to the exact pound. This probably was the hardest part of the whole season.

The 1983-84 wrestling line-up was as follows, Seniors: **Tom Atkins, Devin Kline, Shane Logan, Phil Pflug** and **Kerry Watts.** Juniors: **Brad Benefiel, Glen Dikeman, Leslie Enlow, Larry Gurley, Robert Hembree, Bill Hudson, Shane Hurst, Charles Jay, Robert Lewis, Ronald Malone, Frank Metz, Steve Pearish** and **Robert Price.** Sophomores: **Michael Haynes, David Heflin, Neal Huggins, Steve Ogden, Phillip Robinson,** and **Brian Wirick.** Freshmen: **Doug Allen, Ricky Allen, Lee Rhoades, John Sherrick** and **Steve Willey.**



Grapplers discuss upcoming matches before beginning practice.

Devin Kline demonstrates his natural born wrestling ability.



Devin Kline decides to stay in and jump rope instead of run out in the cold.

Phil Pflug jokes around before doing the inevitable task of weighing in.

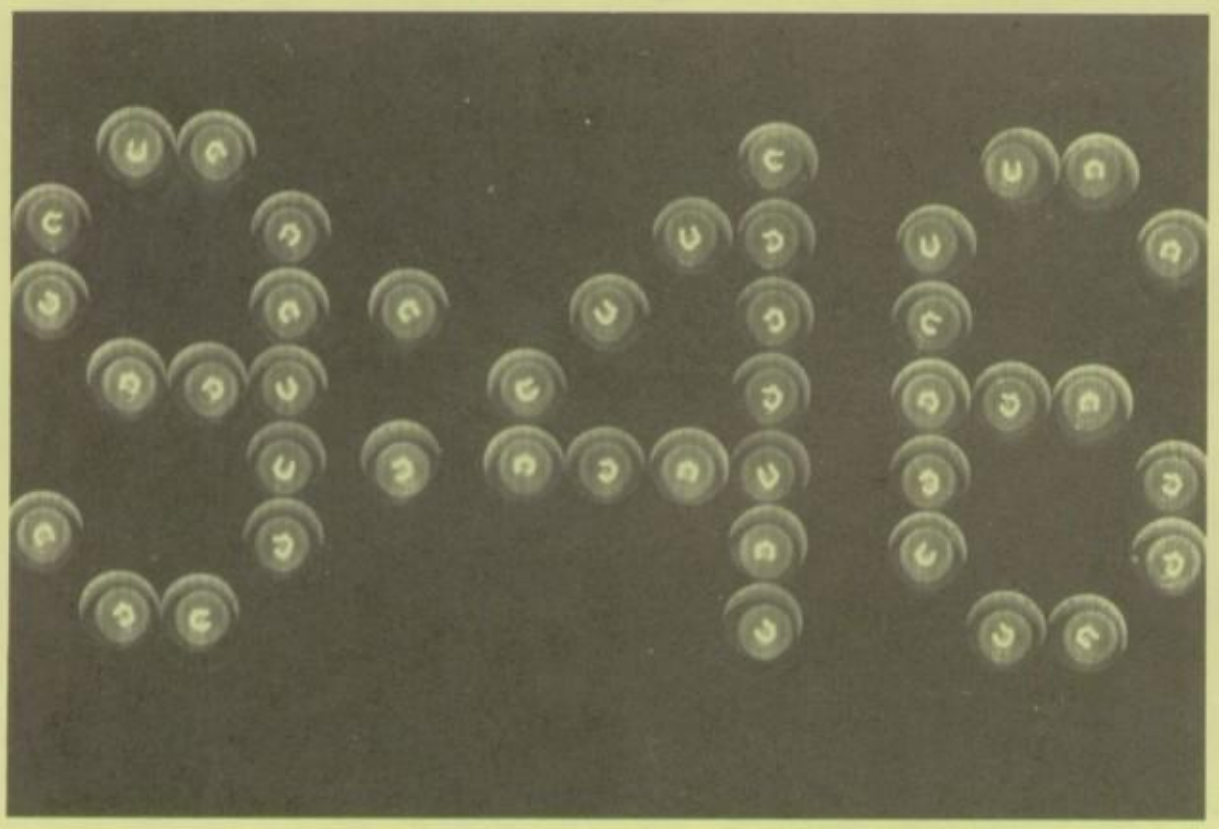
Big Six conference champs

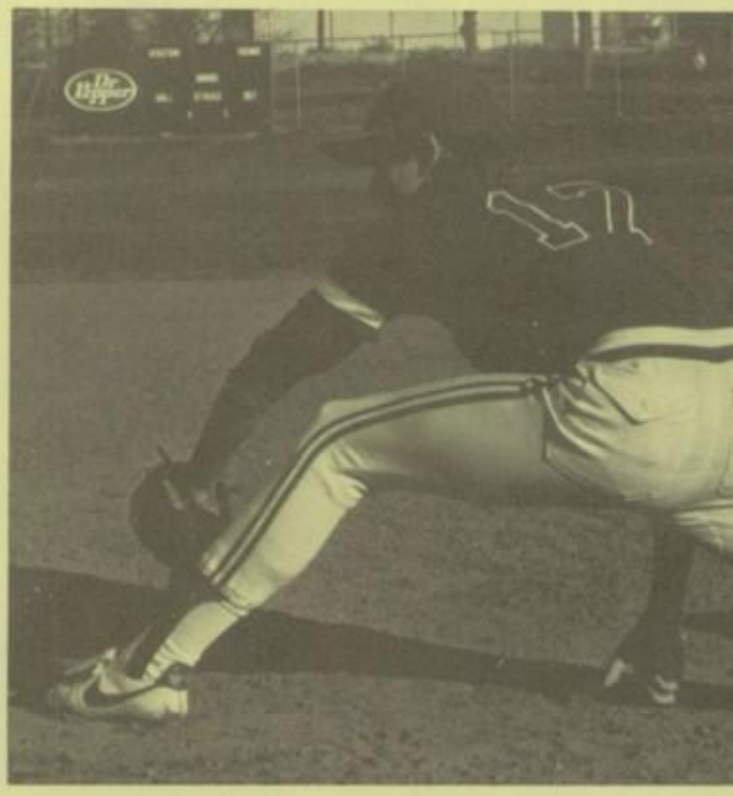
In 1982, Memorial's baseball team finished with a record of 5 wins and 12 losses. With only two remaining starters, the outlook for 1983 was not too bright. However, with hard work and dedication, the team of '83 finished with a 5-12 record too. It was a little different though in the respect that it was 5 losses and 12 wins!

At the Big Six Press Conference prior to the season, nobody even mentioned Memorial when talk came to who would win the Big Six crown. Power houses Neosho and Carthage were to dominate conference play with Webb City and McDonald to battle for 3rd.

Coach Joe Ketchum knew however, that if the Eagles split with Neosho and Carthage, his team would be a contender. He was right. Memorial downed Carthage once and Neosho twice to finish as the undisputed champions of the Big Six with an 8-1 league record.

With only three starters graduating last year, the Eagles returned this year with much depth at all positions except on the mound. Senior **Steve Miller** had posted an 8-2 mark last season and left quite a load to be carried. **Buddy Munch** filled this vacancy and was to be a vital part of the team's plans in 1984.





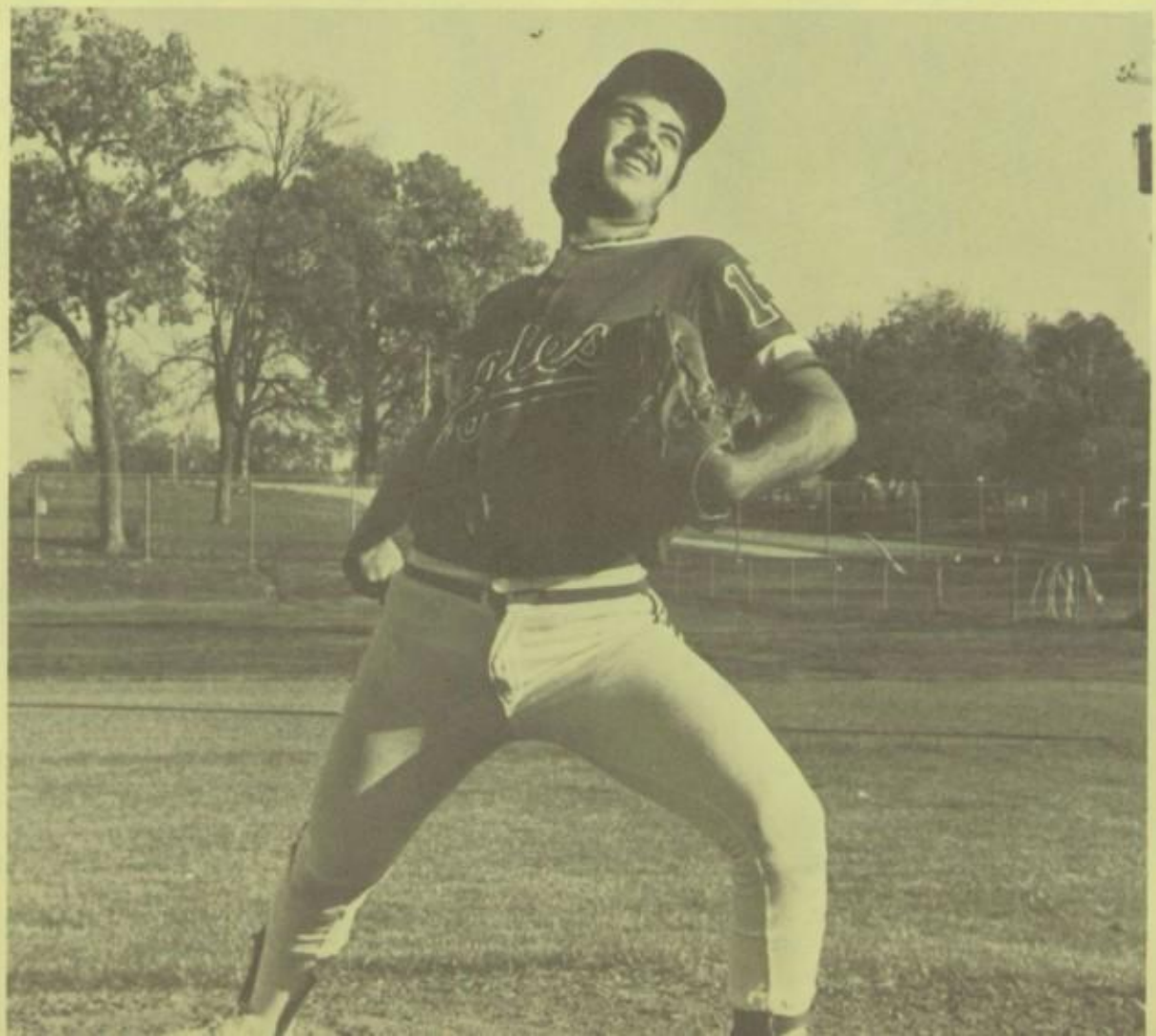
Todd Good demonstrates why he is called Scoooooop.

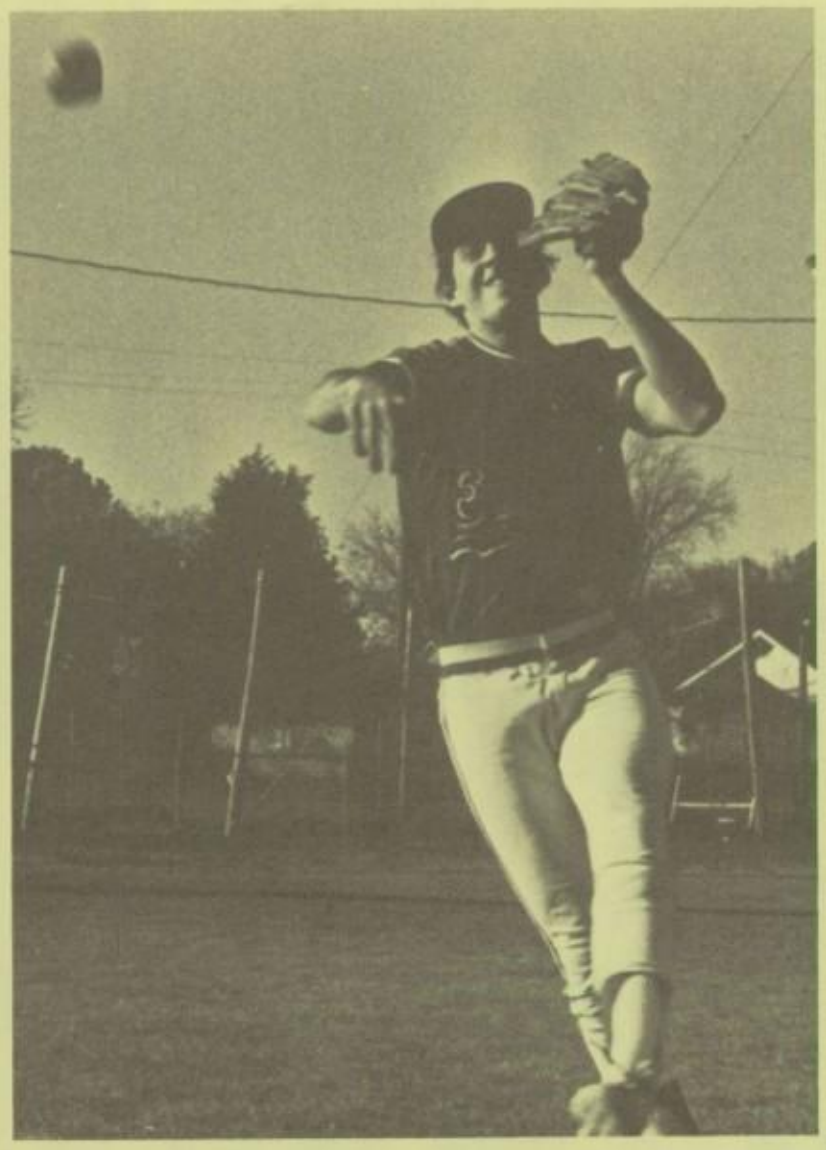
Coach Ketcum required all players to be in bed by this time.

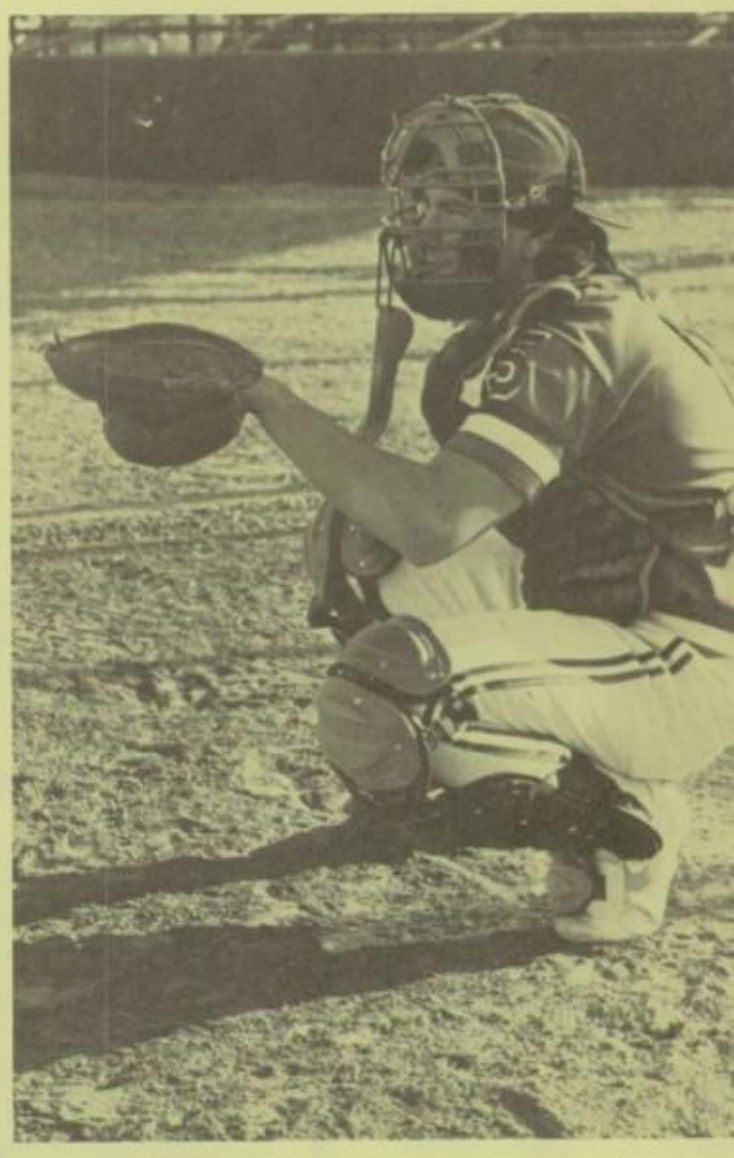
Carl Cottrell was safe on a close play at second base.

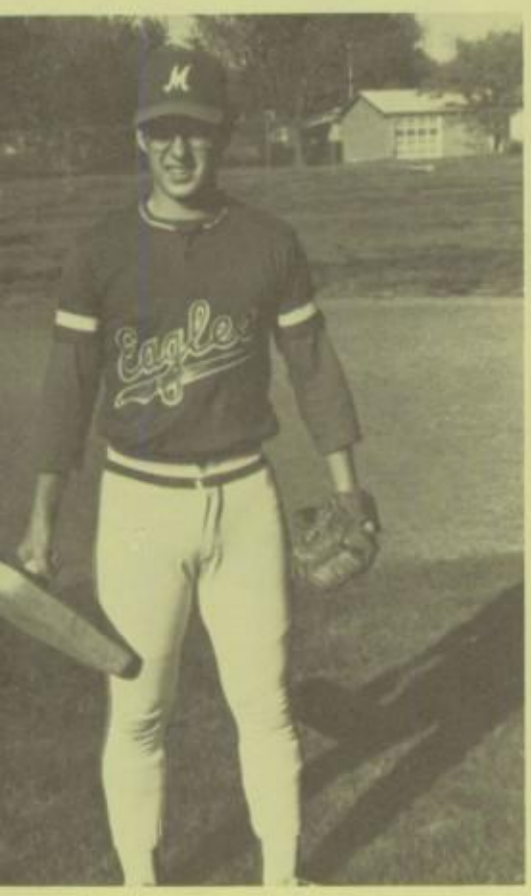
Buddy Munch demonstrates the perfect form of a fireballer.

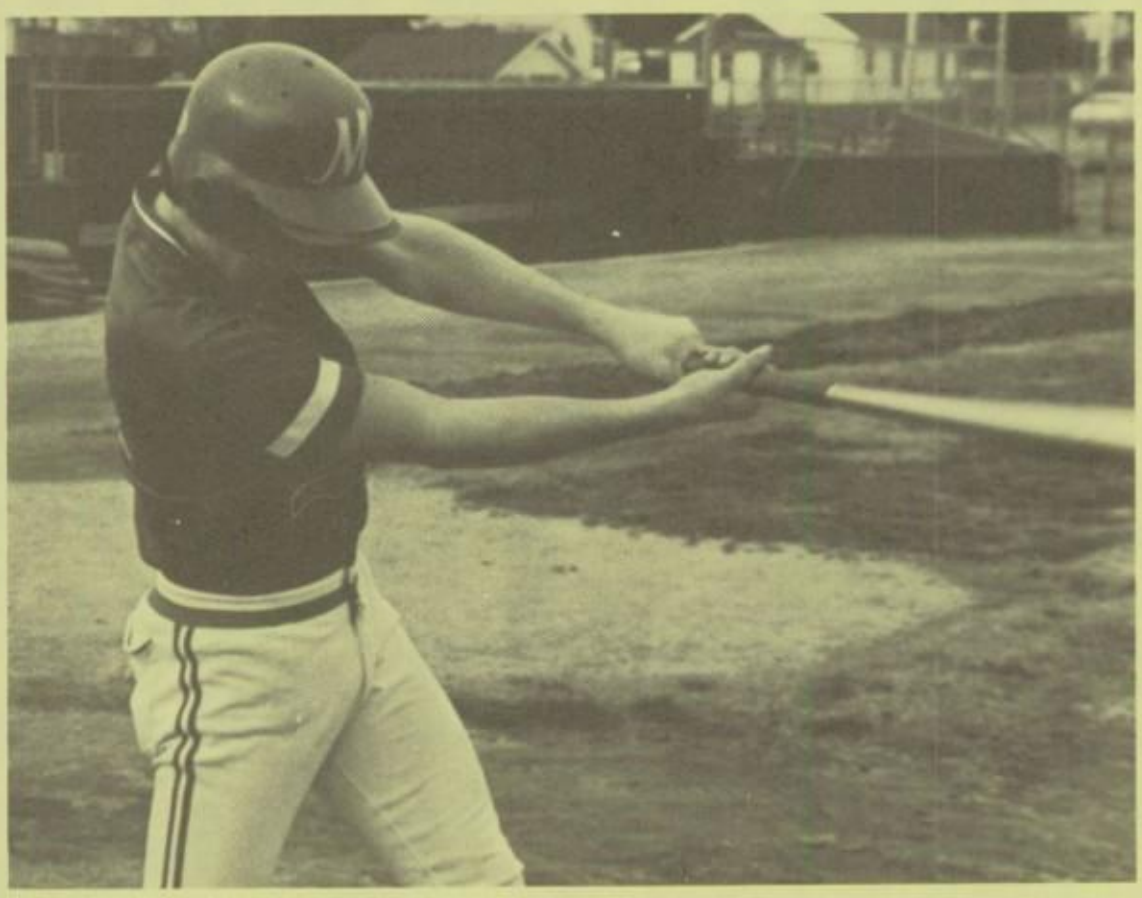
Carl Cottrell, steals his second base of the night.











Scott Livingston gets off a quick release to nail the runner at first.

Andy Parker awaits the next strike.

Jim Kendall rips a base hit.

Hackers tear up course

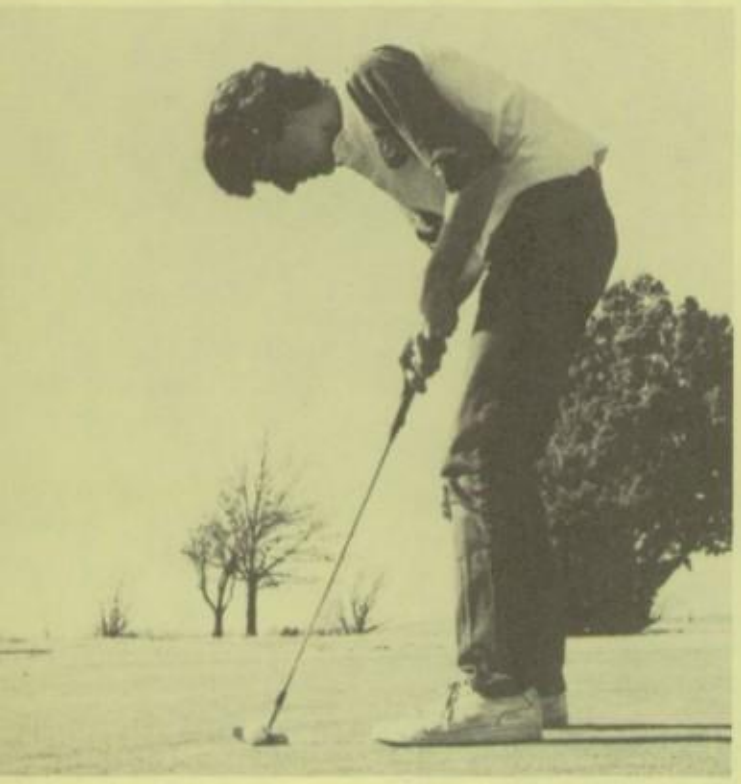
The Memorial Golf team finished the season strong last year by placing 3rd at districts and sending one member to state after what had been a disappointing season up until then. The team was very young as it fielded two sophomores and a freshman on the varsity squad (top five) and only one senior with "better than average playing ability."

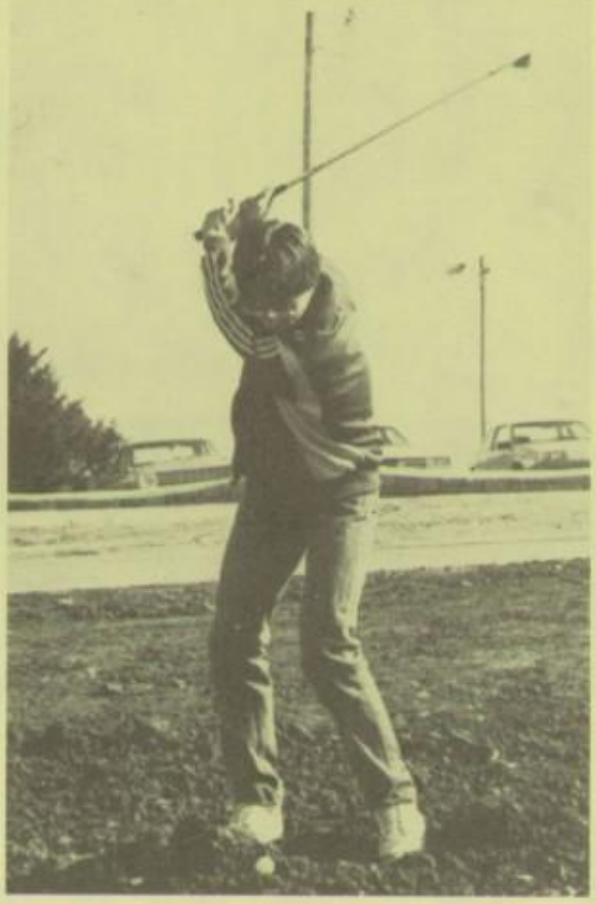
The team started the season slow with a 6th place finish at the Aurora Tourney out of about eight teams. During the season the team continually didn't play "up to par" with the bad weather and the choking youngsters. And, finally in the Big Six Conference Tournament, the Eagles took 4th place out of five teams entered.

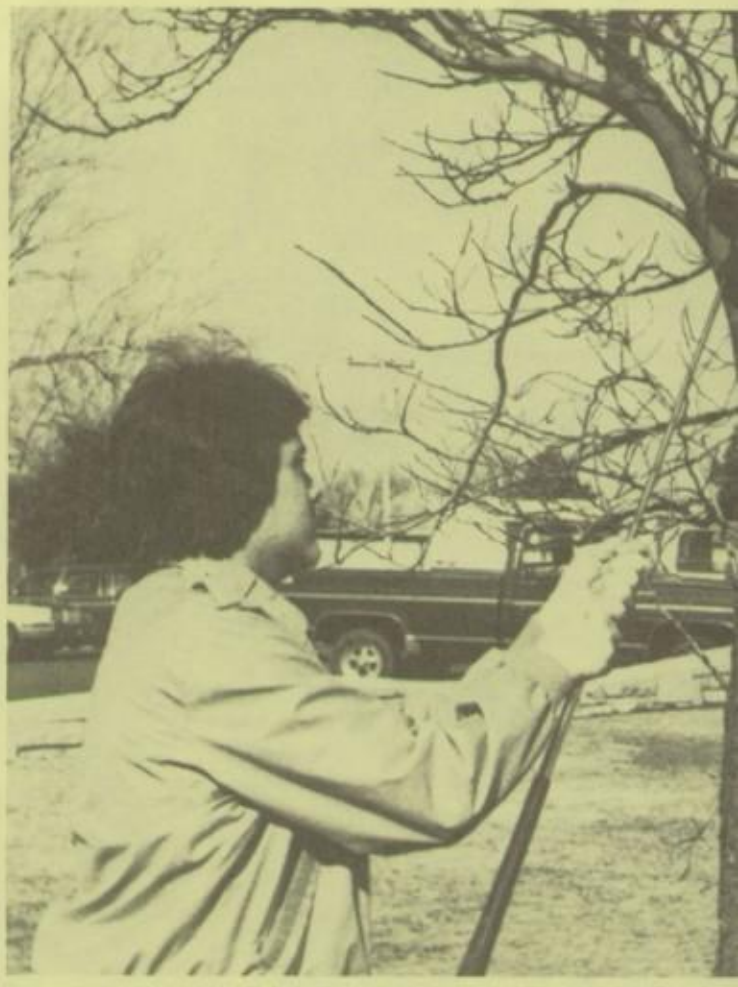
The Eagles were able to turn things around at the end of the season when the team came close to going to state. The team placed 3rd (the top two teams go to state). But the team did send Billy Rainey to state as an individual, as he carded a 76 and tied for 2nd at districts.

The varsity squad consisted of two seniors, **Billy Rainey** and **Paul Welton**; two sophomores, **Kyle Steele** and **Sharrock Dermott**; the final spot was occupied by either **Brett Sterley, Chris Still,** or **Andy Laas** during the course of the year.

The junior varsity squad consisted of seniors **Dave Berzina** and **Clay Turney**; junior **Jimmy Fort**; and sophomore **Eric Hutchison.**





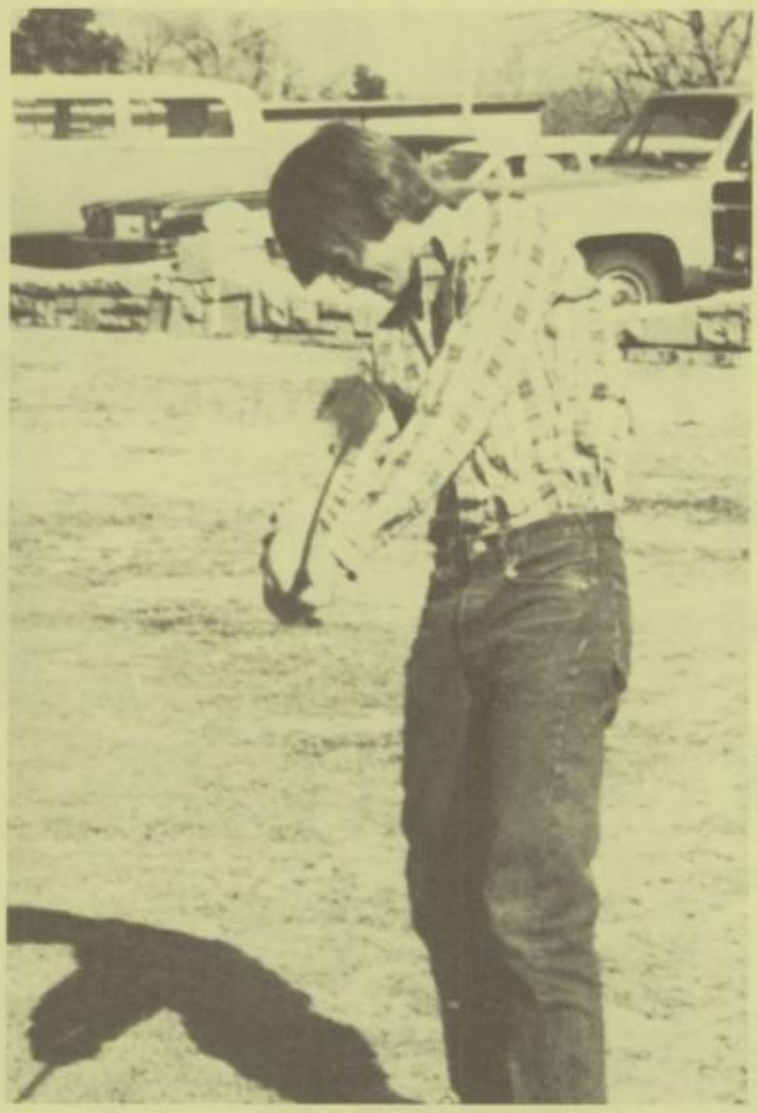


Freshman, **Brett Sterley**, finds difficulty in hitting a golf ball out of a tree.

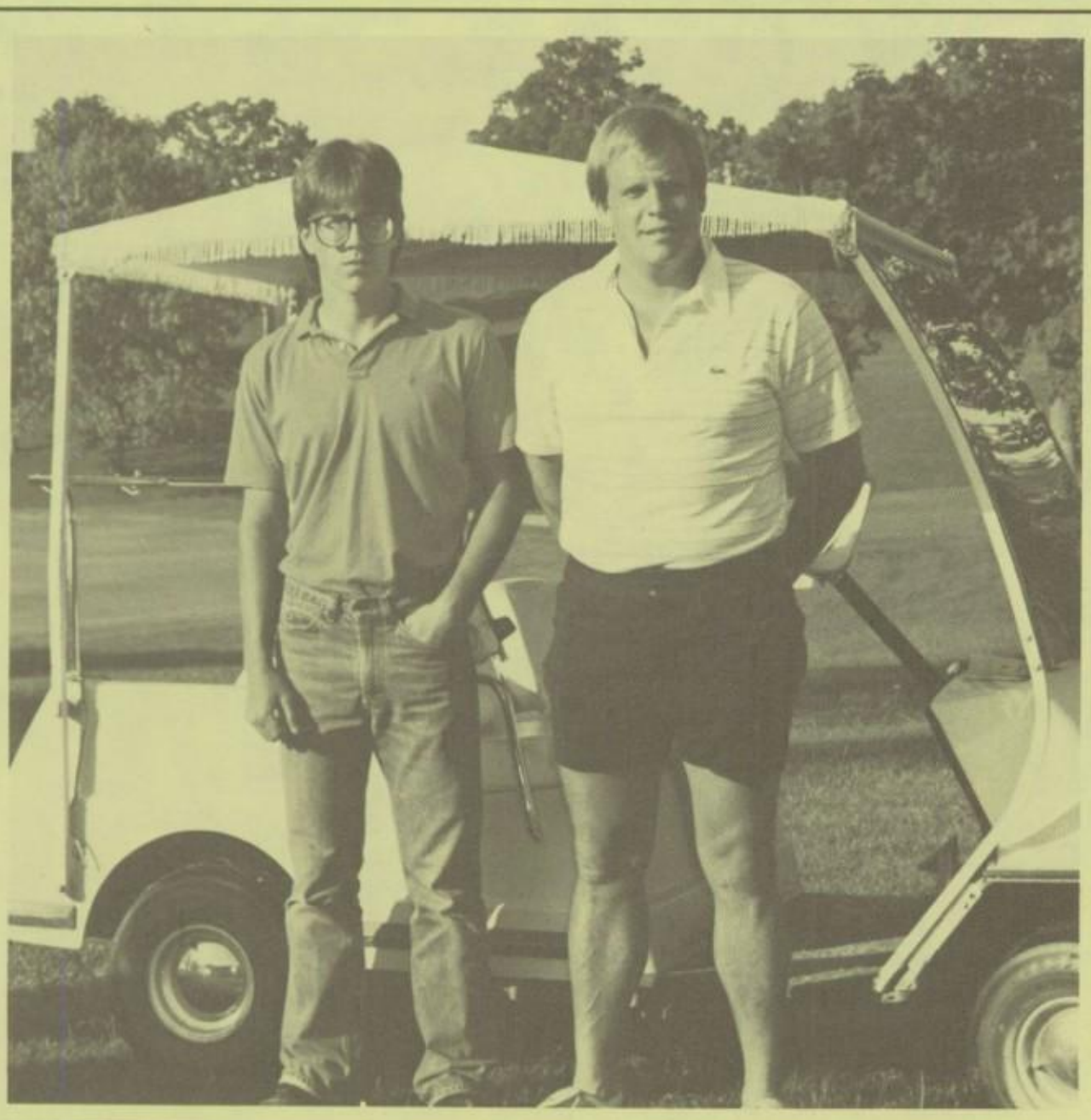
Sophomore, **Kyle Steele**, concentrates on a putt which he easily sinks.

Sophomore, **Andy Laas**, finds a difficult lie at Schifferdecker which golfers affectionately call "the Rock" as illustrated by this picture.

Sophomores **Andy Laas, Sharrock Dermott,** and **Kyle Steele** take the front seat to freshman **Chriss Still** and **Brett Sterley.**



Sophomore **Sharrock "long knock" Dermott** takes an easy swing.



Rainey visits State

Billy Rainey, senior on the 1983 golf team, had a very productive career as a Memorial golfer. His awards included numerous medalist honors (low score is a match), earning four varsity letters, playing the Number 1 man for the most part of his last two years of high school golf, and earning a trip to state his senior year. Coach **Scott Pennington** said, "I was very happy to see his determination. He showed steady improvement and worked hard on his game. I was happy to coach him."

Girls tennis swings into action

The girls tennis team had a disappointing but experience building season. The team graduated five seniors, leaving only two returning lettermen, **Marady Schrader** and **Cindy Neagle.** The remaining slots were filled by newcomers **Sandy Crain, Melody Forkner, Elizabeth Smith, Amy Oldham, Claudia Huff,** and **Kim Hoag.**

Playing in the number one singles position for the fourth year was senior **Cindy Neagle.** Her singles record was 21-2 in regular season play. She won the Big Six Conference title for the second straight year, took third place in the SMSU Relays, and won the District Championship to qualify for the state tournament in Columbia. It was her third trip to state.

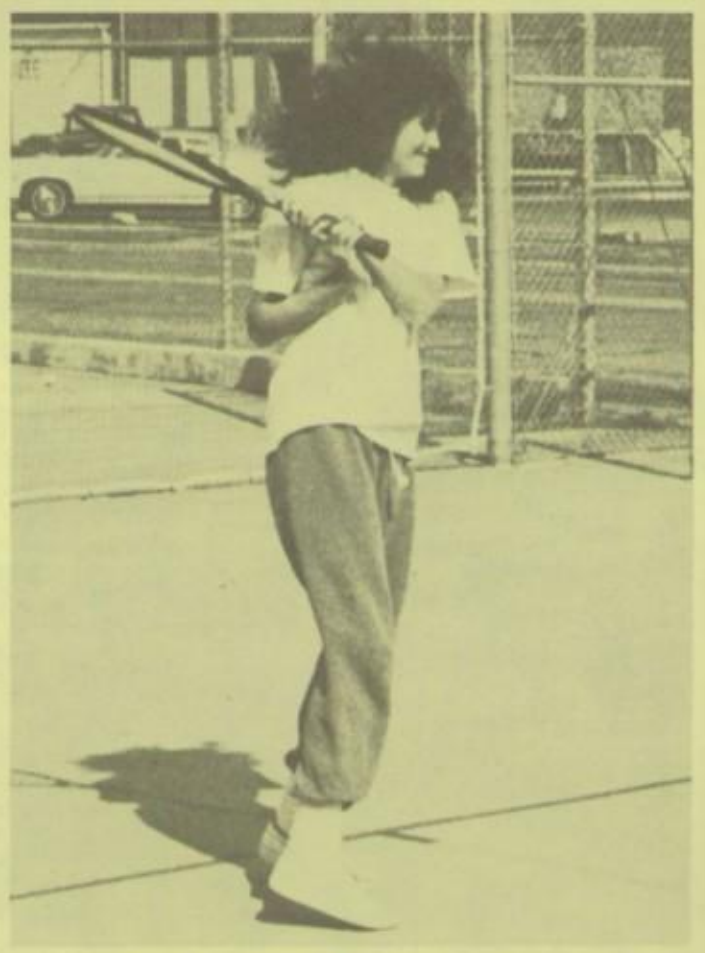
Playing in the number two position was senior **Marady Schrader.** It was her third year on the team. She and doubles partner **Sandy Crain** competed in tournaments such as Conference, District, and SMSU Relays.

Coaching the team this year was first-year tennis coach **Scott Pennington.**

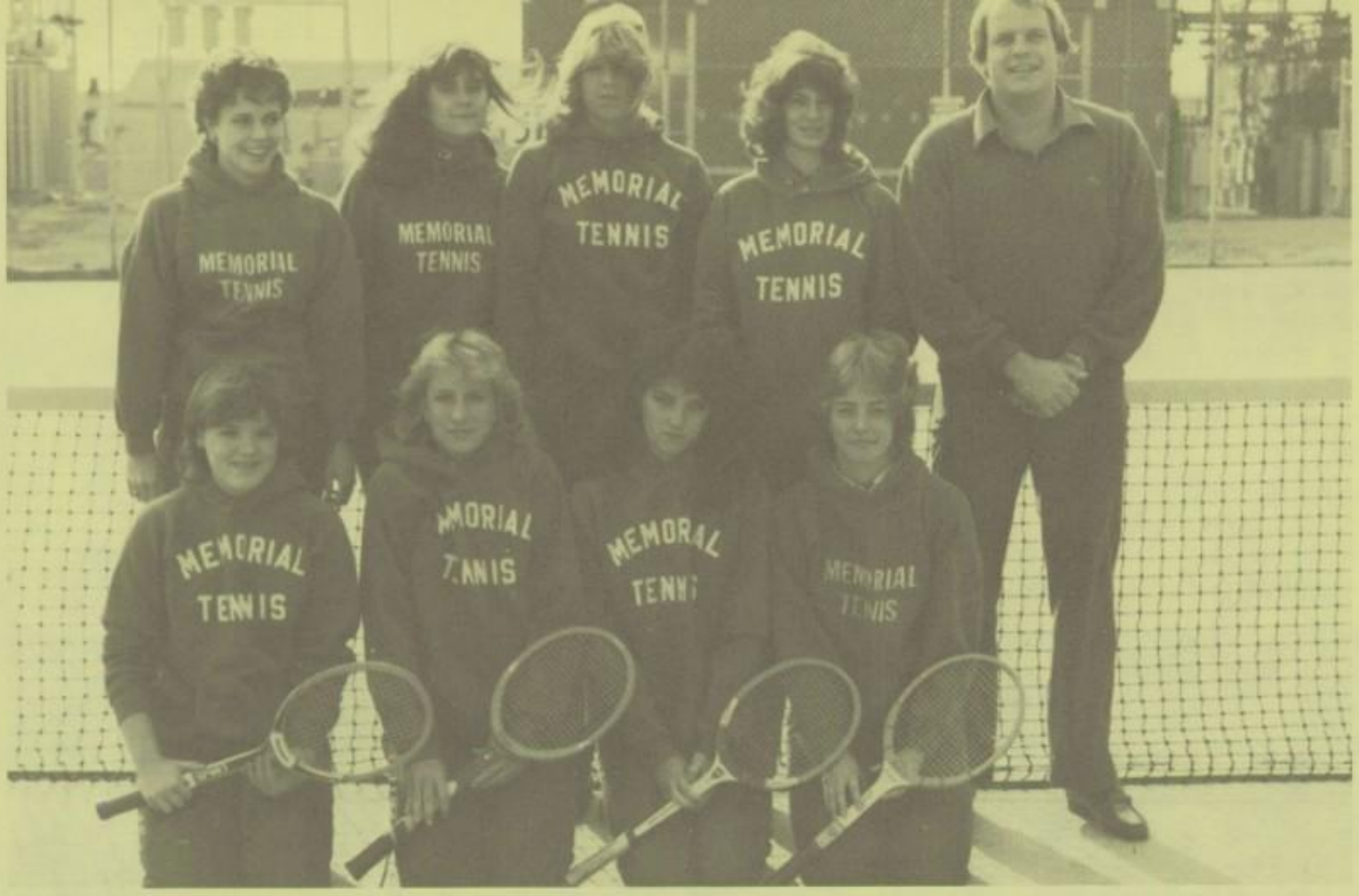
Elizabeth Smith hits the ball back to her opponent.

Marady Schrader prepares to hit a ball served her way.

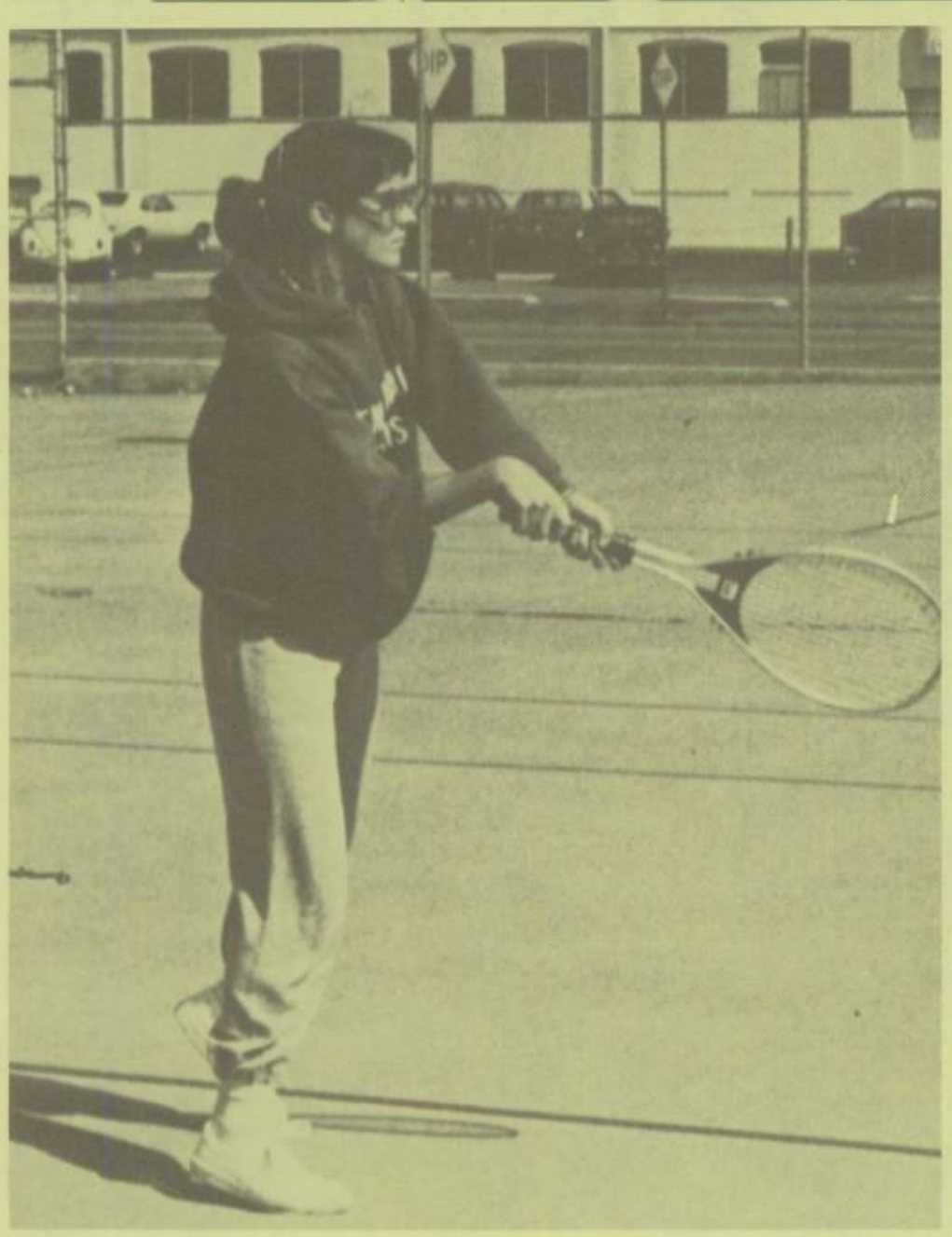
Coach Pennington watches his team in action.



Melody Forkner enjoyed her 2nd year on Memorial's tennis team.



Memorial's girls tennis team: **Amy Oldham, Kim Hoag, Melody Forkner,** and **Sandi Crain.** Top: **Marady Schrader, Elizabeth Smith, Claudia Huff, Cindy Neagle,** and **Coach Scott Pennington.**



Cindy Neagle, an M.H.S. tennis player for 4 years, was one of the best tennis players Memorial ever had.

Claudia Huff shows her form while serving the ball.

Without school sponsorship

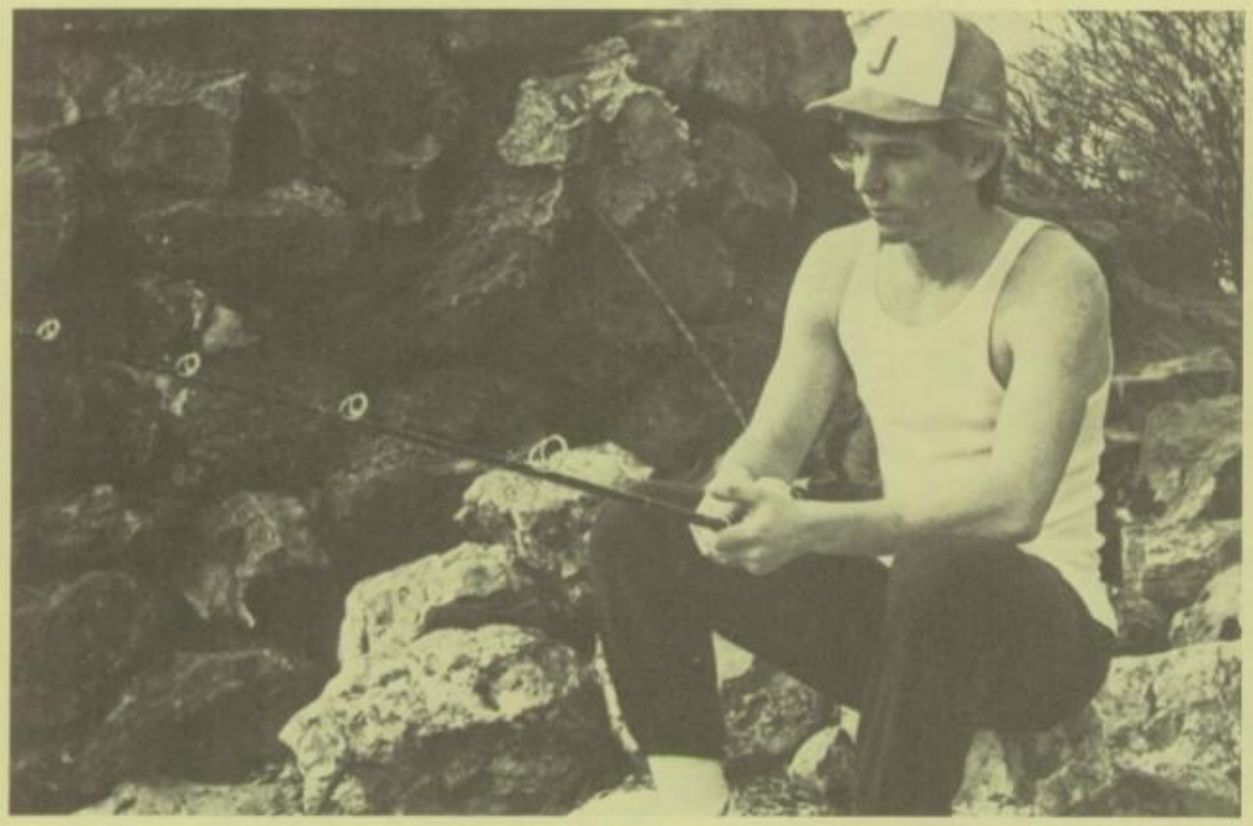
Many non-school sponsored sports were played by students within Memorial during the 83-84 school year. Some students worked hard at these sports to make them their specialty. Pool, karate, boxing, racquetball, soccer, bike racing and swimming are just a few of these sports.

Many students found free time on their hands away from school when they were not involved in school projects or a job. Some students put this time to use by improving their skills in a specialty sport they have either grown up with or become interested in. Many times, this resulted in a rewarding experience, physically and mentally.

Many students at Memorial enjoyed playing a game of pool on the week-ends for fun. Also some students, such as **Scott Livingston**, bowled on Saturdays.

Other students enjoyed the outside life. Students like **Steve Wood** enjoyed a quiet hour or two fishing and talking with someone. **Shawn Lloyd** enjoyed trapping in his spare time. **Debbie Buford** showed horses. **Judy Sprague** raced BMX bicycles.

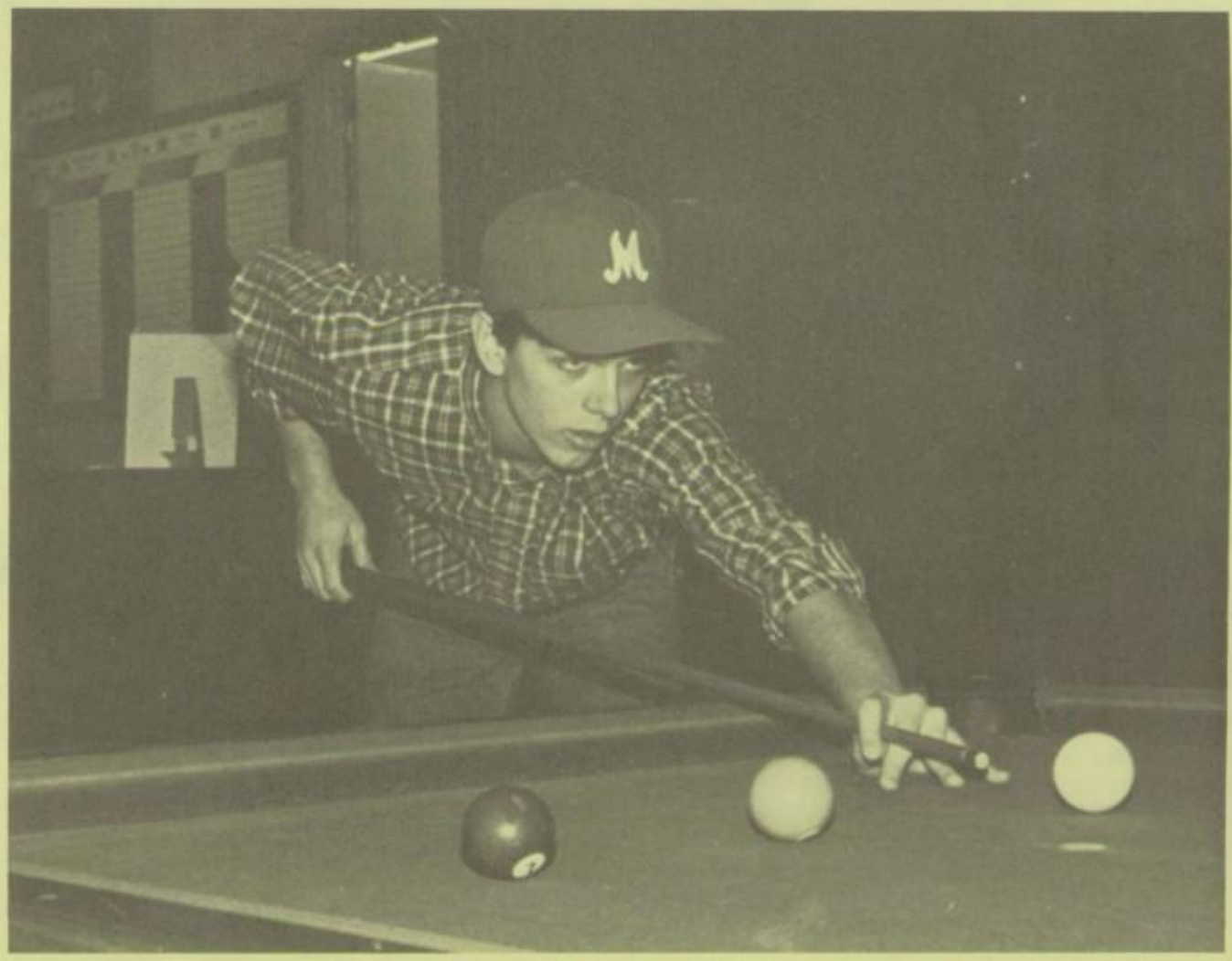
As **Scott Livingston** said, "I just enjoy the competition. Sports like pool and bowling allow me to relax from everyday 'ensions."

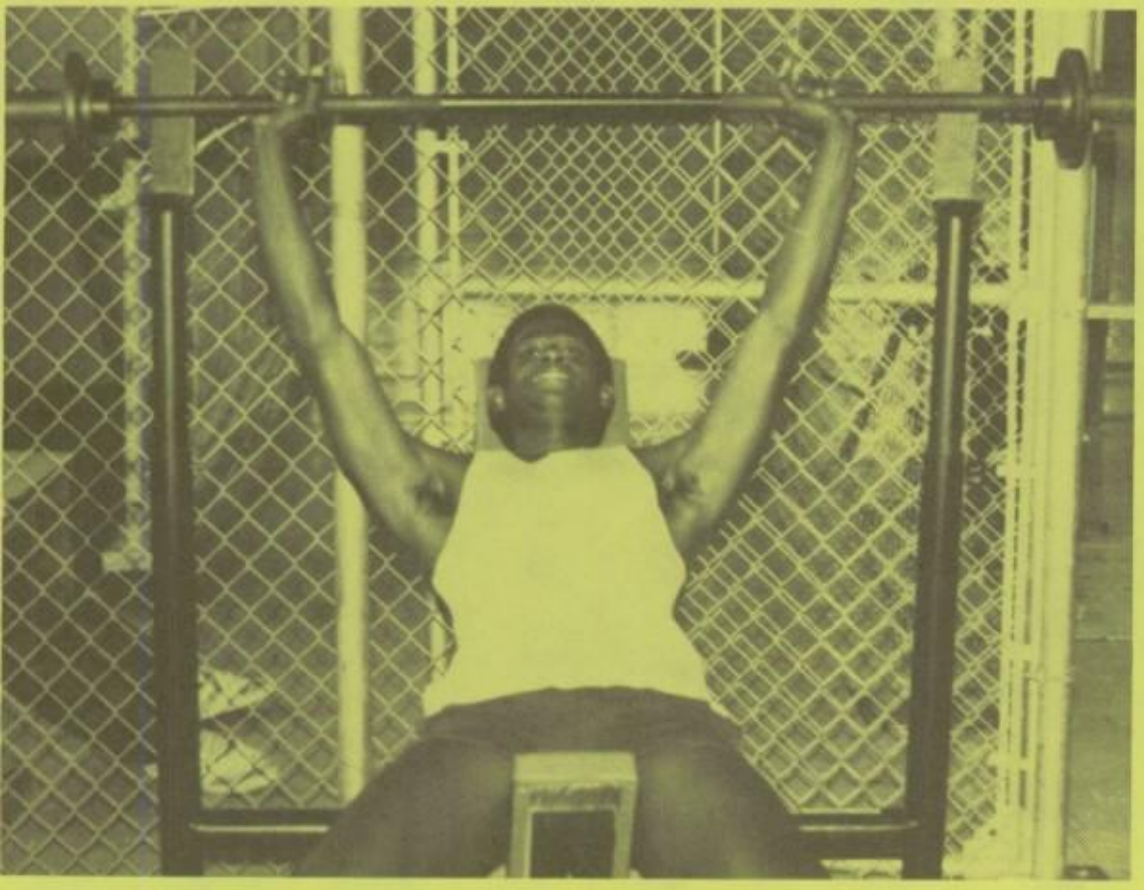


Steve Wood fishes hoping to find a hog to bring home.

Brian Berkstresser, Greg Meyer, and **Steve Willy** ran cross-country track during the fall.

Todd Good plays pool with sheer elegance.





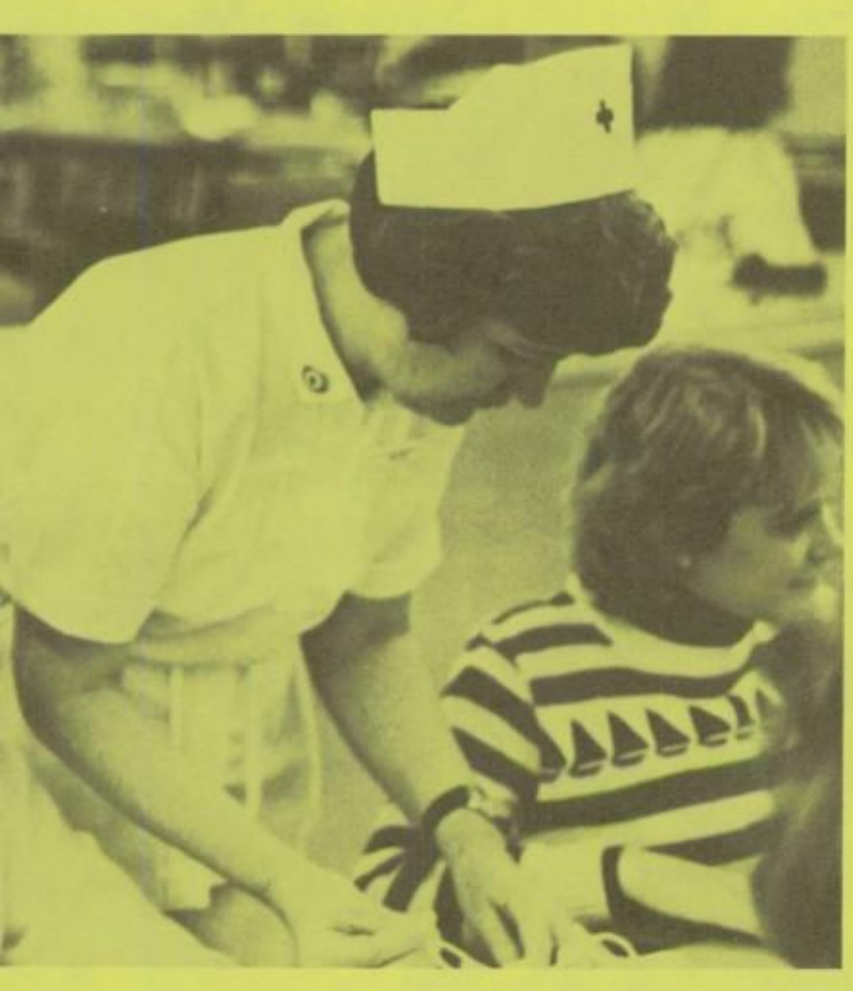
Wendy Wright played golf with the Parkwood team in the fall.

Key Club members played games of football on the weekends.

Eric Colbert maxes out for the camera.

Judy Sprague raced BMX bicycles for a hobby.

Activities Involve Responsibility; Accomplishment



The production of a play was a great accomplishment and activity which many students participated in and enjoyed.

Devoted workers **Robin Reed** and **Dana Woolever** display involvement by helping out with a blood drive sponsored by Student Council.

There were a great many activities for a student to choose from. There were sports, student council, academic clubs, drama, music clubs, community activities, and publications, all to become active in. Involvement was the key to making activities successful. One had to cooperate with other people and take on a great amount of responsibility. There may not have been enough activities to completely cover all the different interests at Memorial, but there were a great many which helped school become a more accomplishing and fun place to be.

Activities

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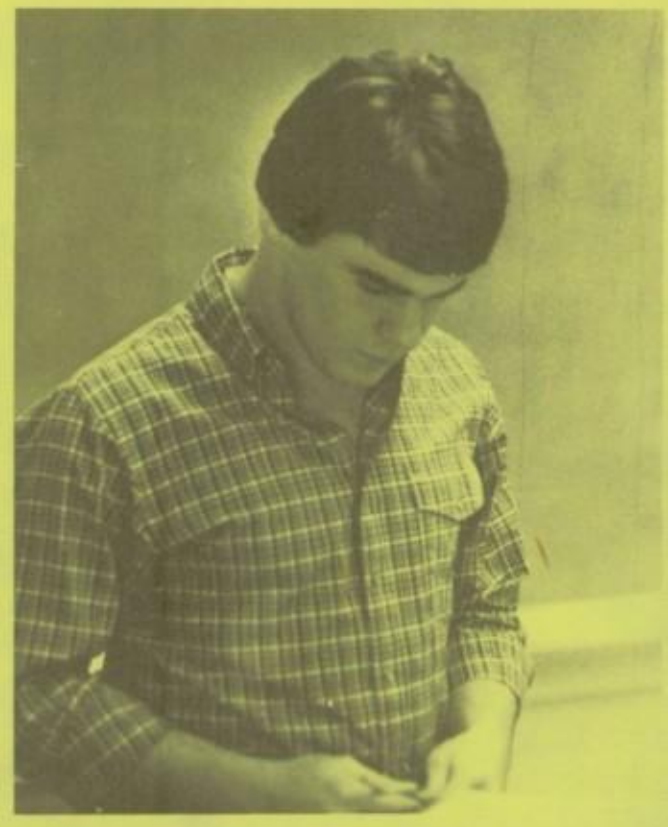
Magazine sparks creativity

Memorial's Creative Writing Club met every Tuesday after school. The club President was **Cameron Mueller. Jeff Burton** was the Vice President. **Shelley Ackerson** was the secretary and **Deanna Ashby** was the treasurer. **Mrs. Carol Acker** and **Mrs. Marilyn Dishman** were the sponsors and advisors of the club.

One of the main purposes of the club was to provide a place for the writers of the school to get recognition and to use their creativity. The club's average attendance was 15 to 20 a week.

Another purpose of the club was to produce the school's first literary magazine, in nine years, **The Crystal Web**. Anyone in the school could submit their original works of poems, short stories or artwork for consideration. The President, Vice-President and other club members decided what was good on the basis of originality, creativity, writing skills and correct grammer usage. After being published in the magazine those students were able to say, "Yes, I've been published," when submitting their works for consideration to other magazines.

Besides working on **The Crystal Web** the members heard published authors speak, made posters, sold candles as a fundraiser, played word games, participated in writing exercises, had a kazoo band in the Christmas parade, and went on the roof for inspirition.



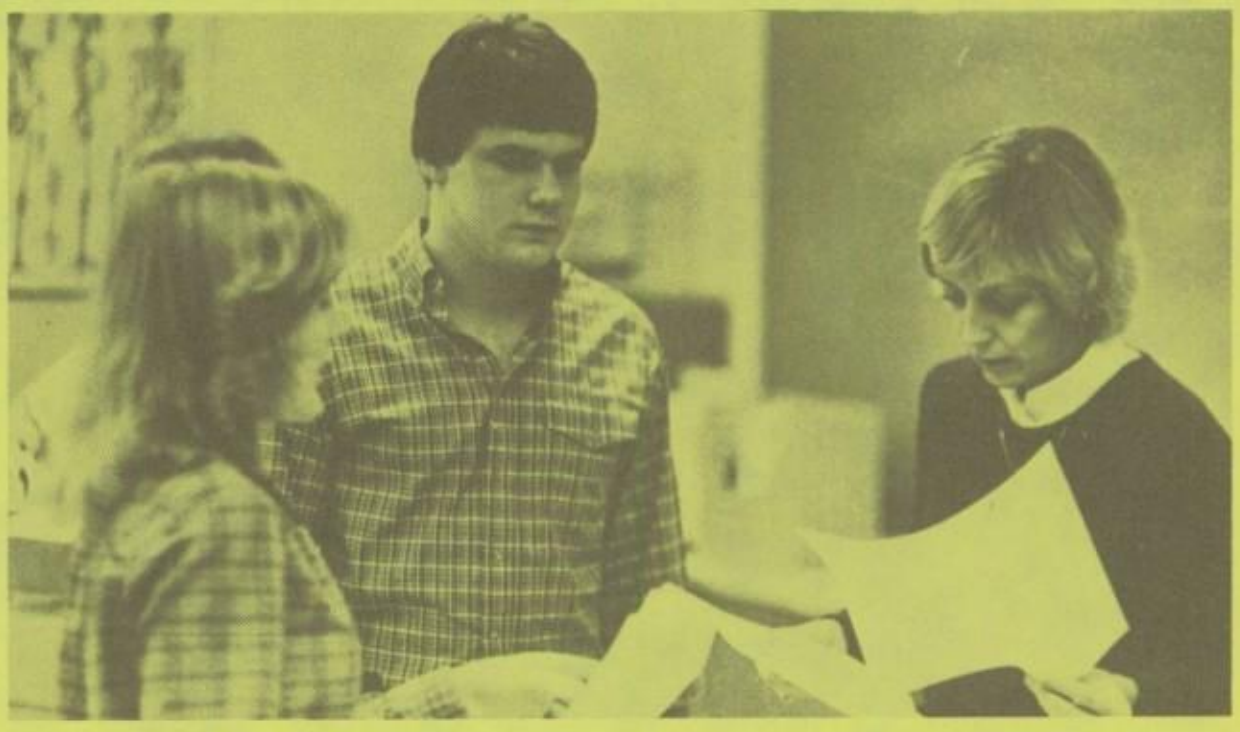
Cameron Mueller was President of Creative Writing Club.

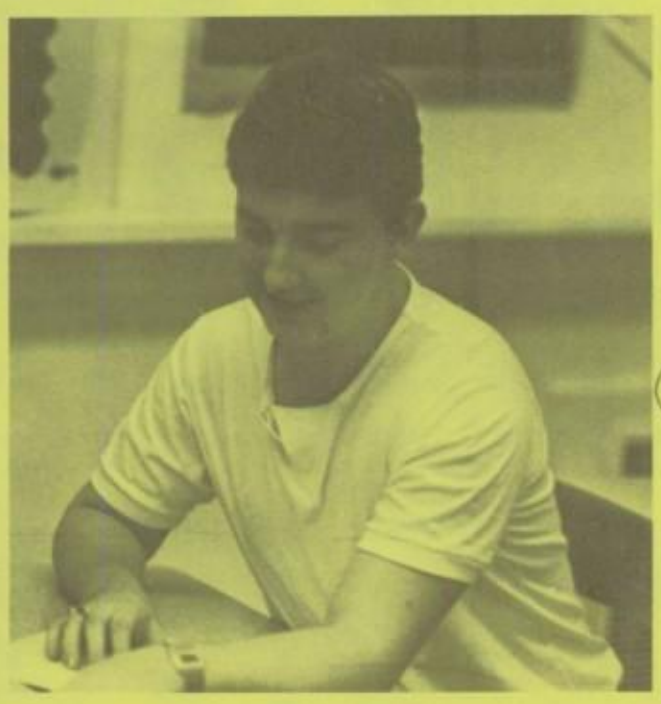
Kelly Canon reads over a story during a meeting.

Mrs. Dishman was frequently amused as she helped sponsor Creative Writing Club.

Creative Writing Club Treasurer, **Deanne Ashby** was frequently in the money.

Senior, **Patty Daffern** amuses **Mrs. Acker.**





Some of the creative writing members from left to right: Third row: **Mark Keeling, Tracy Cope, Jeff Burton, Chris Ellison, Ingra Stephens, Brook Campbell,** Second row: **Jeff Henson, Teresa Martin, Kim Hoag, Cameron Mueller, Jackie Bacus, Debbie Buford, Sherri Leach, Shelley Ackerson.** First Row: **Tami Charron, Gary Rhoades, Lisa Joseph, Kelly Vickers, Deanne Ashby,**

Shelly Ackerson "goes over the books" as secretary.

Cameron Mueller, Christy Tankersly and **Mrs. Acker** evaluate some submissions to the magazine.

Brent Kilgore points out creative ideas.

Joe,
I'm glad
I got to know
you better. You're
a nice guy. I
wish you all the
luck in basketball
season next year.
Stay out of trouble
this summer.
Love
Shelley
Ackerson

Assemblies provide breaks

Throughout the school year, Memorial students were privileged with special occasions in which they got to get out of class and attend assemblies.

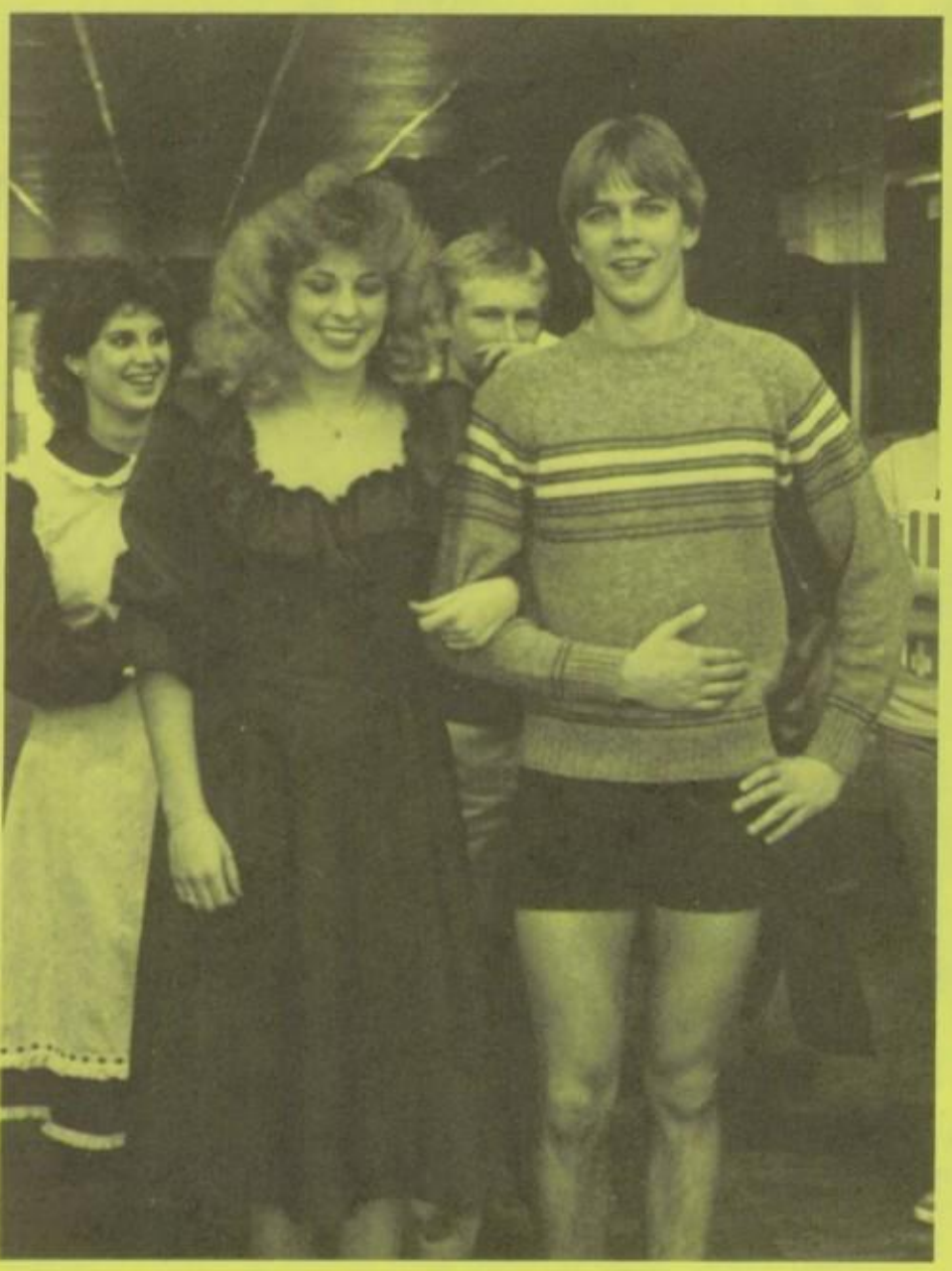
Memorial had a great variety of assemblies and each one of them was different and exciting.

The most exciting ones were the football and basketball pep assemblies. These assemblies were ones where enthusiastic crowds gathered and cheered their team as well as their class on. Also, these assemblies usually contained a humorous skit or game to boost the spirit of the audience and players.

Other types of assemblies enjoyed at Memorial were the homecoming assemblies, music assemblies, and the National Honor Society Assembly. These assemblies honored the special abilities and talents of Memorial students.

The most remembered assembly during the school year was probably the Senior assembly. This assembly honored the seniors as a class and recognized their accomplishments. The Senior assembly made the seniors, as well as the other classes, realize that they would soon be leaving Memorial and entering into the real world.

Memorial students always found it a welcome relief to get out of class and their daily routine to enjoy an assembly and make their day brighter.

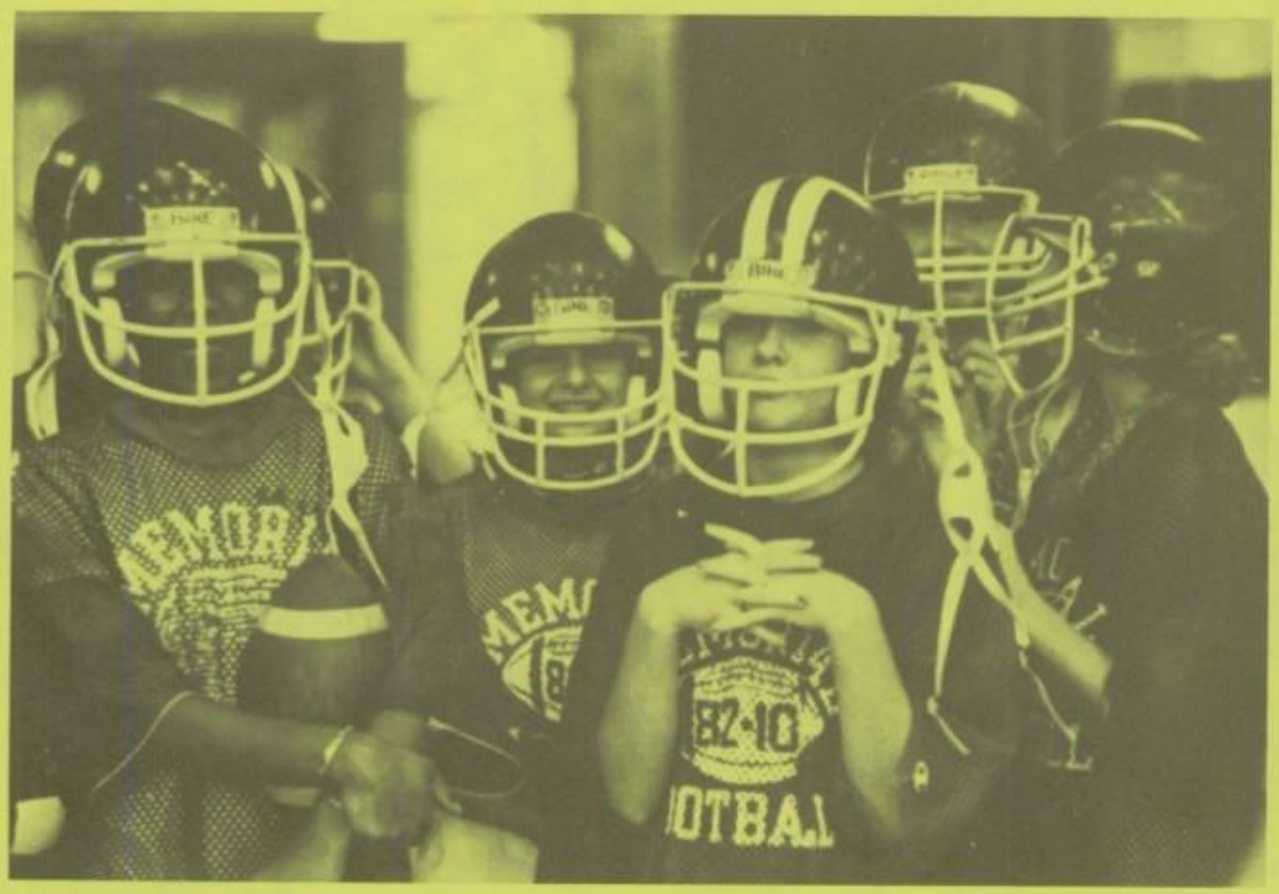


Robin Doerge knew that this would be a homecoming she would never forget.

Skits proved to be one of the funniest parts of the assemblies.

Miss Murray discusses running the sound with **Bryan Shank** and **Chris Still.**

The 1984 Basketball Homecoming assembly was a memorable occasion.



No one would know what to expect at a Memorial football assembly.

The freshman football players showed their skill in a game during an assembly.

Assemblies in the auditorium were always looked forward to.

The Key Club members "showed their stuff" while cheering during an assembly.

Becky Donahue laughs during a skit in a freshman assembly.

BACK ROW - **Heather Long, Liza Lewis, Robin Doerge, Robin Reed, Jimmy Kendall, Todd Good, Jackie Bacus, Gary Rhoades, Wade Courtney, Sara Vavra, Mark Keeling, Pete Box, Greg Myers, Kenny Shaw, Darin Hertzberg.** 3RD ROW - **Michele Wolfe, Kim Bopp, Kelli Vickers, Dana Lewis, Tami Charron, Wallace Carr, Laurel Ricketts, Lisa Joseph, Traci Hertzberg, Dana Dry, Kim Parker, Wendy Wright, Jill Markman, Laura Potts, Valerie Branch, Tricia Stewart.** 2ND ROW - **Harold Weston, Kim Bartlett, Tanya Barkley, Claudia Huff, Danna Woolever, Shelly Summers, Nanci Bazzano, Candice Russell, Beck Rogers, Melodee Rodgers, Ingrid Reaves, Christy Perkins.** 1ST ROW - **Chad Yates, Cheryl Isley, Kelli Bopp, Eric Keller, Shelly Edwards, Abbie Windle, Rob Kanakis, Lee Rhoades, Lori McMillan, Aimee Weston, Will Hobart, and Boyd Downey.**

I Love Stuco

The purpose of Memorial's Student Council as stated in its constitution is "to promote a cooperation and understanding between students, faculty, and administration, will develop responsible citizenship through fostering participation in school and civic activities."

Student Council's theme was "I love Stuco." Many stuco members loved it because it gave them an opportunity to become involved in school and be aware of what was going on. Most of all, it taught them leadership abilities.

Requirements to be a member of Student Council were few. After being elected among the top 8 of your class, chosen by your club, or as in the case of officers, receiving the majority of votes, all you had to do was maintain a 2.0 (C) grade point average. However, if a member showed a lack of interest and little participation in activities they may have been called in front of the dreaded "Review Board." Any member could lose their position on Stuco and be replaced.

Officers for the 1983-1984 year were **Wallace Carr**, president; **Laurel Ricketts**, vice-president; **Tami Charron**, secretary; **Traci Hertzberg**, treasurer; and **Dana Dry**, parliamentarian-historian. Representatives from the senior class were: **Todd Good, Lisa Joseph, Leigh Johnson, Jim Kendall, Heather Long, Gary Rhoades, Sara Vavra**, and **Kelli Vickers**. The junior representatives were: **Pete Box, Liza Lewis, Jill Markman, Kim Parker, Robin Reed, Tricia Stewart, Michele Wolfe**, and **Wendy Wright**. Representatives from the sophomore class were: **Tanya Barkley, Nanci Bazzano, Darrin Hertzberg, Ingrid Reaves, Kevin Seward, Shelly Summers, Harold Weston**, and **Danna Woolever**. Freshmen representatives were: **Boyd Downey, Shelley Edwards, Will Hobart, Rob Kanakis, Eric Keller, Lori McMillan, Lee Rhoades, Aimee Weston**, and **Abbie Windell**.

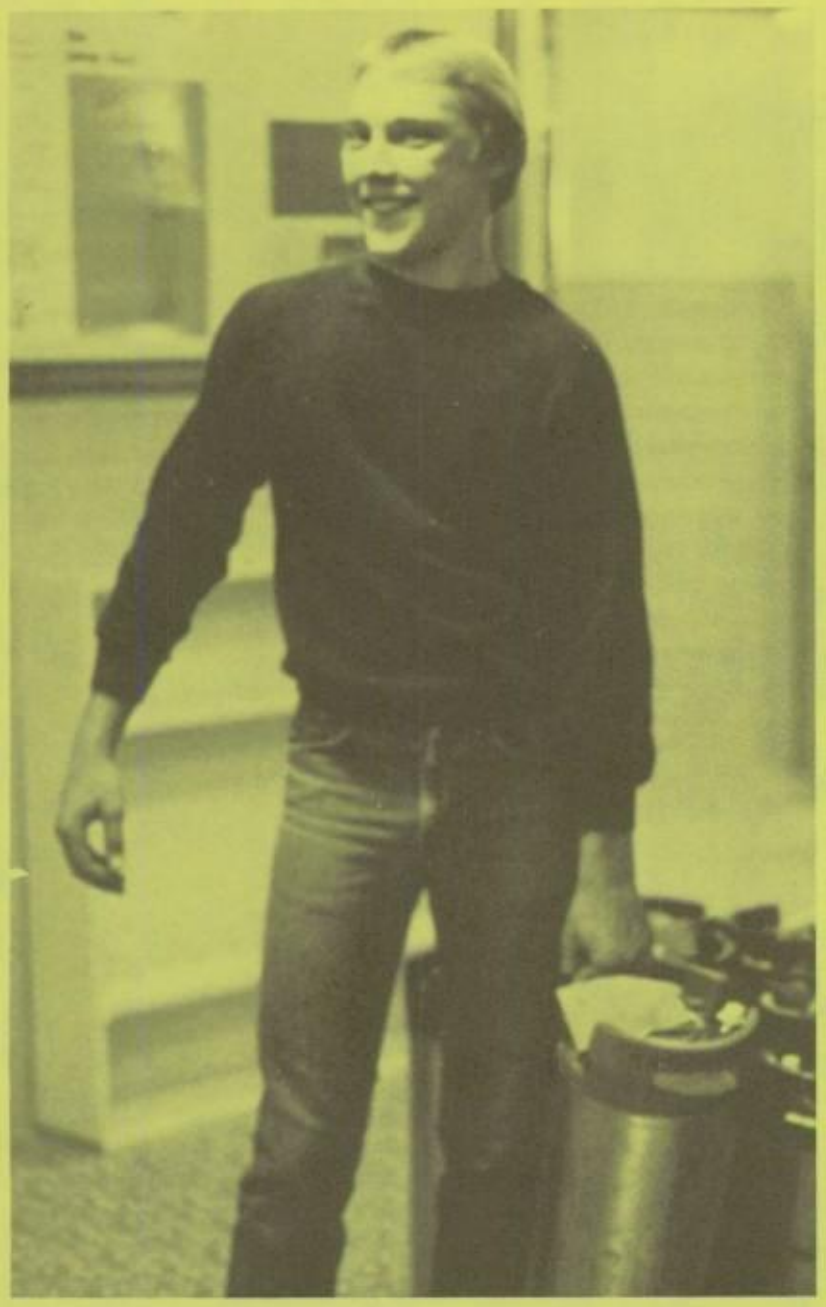
Student Council tried something new last year. Each club at Memorial elected one or two representatives from their club (the amount of representatives was determined by the size of the organization). Ten clubs participated in this; the club and the representatives are as follows: Band, **Kenny Shaw**; Boys Sports, **Devin Kline** and **Nathan Tate**; Cheerleading, **Valerie Branch**; Creative Writing, **Mark Keeling**; Drama, **Jackie Bacus**; Journalism, **Robin Doerge** and **Laura Potts**, Junior/Senior Prom, **Wade Courtney**; Key Club, **Phil Wilcoxon**; Math League, **Greg Meyers**; and ROTC, **Peter Birk**, and **Marcella Fitzjarrel**.

There is a special group of people who contribute very much to Stuco, they are associates. Associates are people who aren't elected members, but contribute much time and effort. During the 1982-1983 year, the associate of the year was **Kim Bopp. Kim** was a fine example of a motivated worker.

Every summer to prepare members for the responsibility of the upcoming year, student council sends 5-6 members to Fulton, Missouri at William Woods Conference. Attending last summer were: **Tami Charron, Dana Dry, Traci Hertzberg, Robin Reed, Gary Rhoades**, and **Sara Vavra.** Something special this year was that **Wallace Carr** and **Laurel Ricketts** were able to attend the National Association of Student Councils Convention at Kansas City, Missouri.

Memorial's Student Council sponsored the Southwest District Convention for the state of Missouri last year. Schools from Springfield and Ava to Carthage attended and shared many ideas and plans.

Every Monday morning at 7:45 Student Council held its weekly meeting. At the end of the meeting the sponsors gave a report on the councils progress. This year, **Mrs. Horst**, former sponsor was replaced by **Mrs. Terry Chasteen. Mrs. Chasteen** came from Rolla Senior High where she was their Student Council and Junior/Senior Prom Sponsor. **Mr. Forrest Nelson** was the other Stuco Sponsor. **Mr. Nelson** has been a sponsor since 1971.



Was **Darin Hertzberg** smiling because he was working concession stand, or because he was in the girl's locker room?

Secretary **Tami Charron** marked the attendance sheet.

Nanci Bazzano worked hard on publicity for the blood drive.

Laurel Ricketts took a break from typing to show her pearly whites.

To be a sponsor, one had to be a teacher also, right **Mr. Nelson.**

Kelly Bopp listened intently during one of the many Monday morning meetings.

Student Council participated every Monday in a community project called Meals on Wheels. This included picking up the meals at the Brady building, as **Mark Keeling** is doing, and then delivering them to needy elderly people.

Holly Parker did one of the many duties of Stuco, decorating for a Homecoming dance.

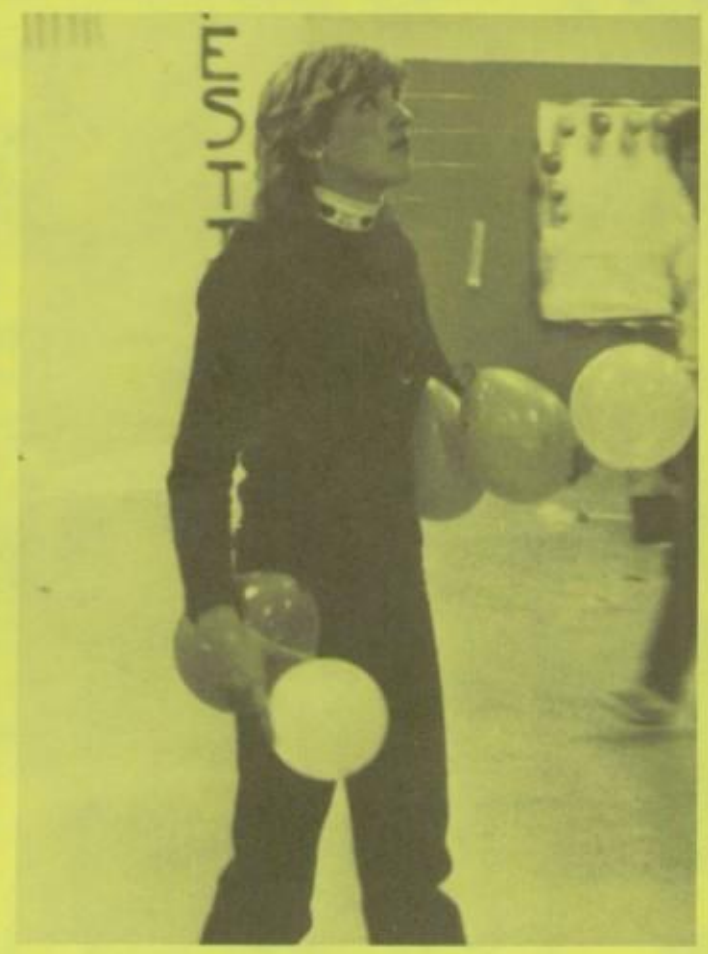
Publicity chairman, **Tanya Barkley**, hung a poster publicizing Basketball Homecoming.

As President, **Wallace Carr** presided over every Monday morning meeting.

Kim Parker moved chairs in preparation for a dance.

As **Greg Meyers** well knows, arranging chairs and hanging balloons and streamers is needed to set the mood for a dance.

Jodi White comforted **Phil Pflug** after the terrifying experience of giving blood.



Mr. Nelson and **Mrs. Chasteen** listened to many committee reports during the Monday morning meetings.

As shown on the poster, Festival was the theme for the 1984 Basketball Homecoming.

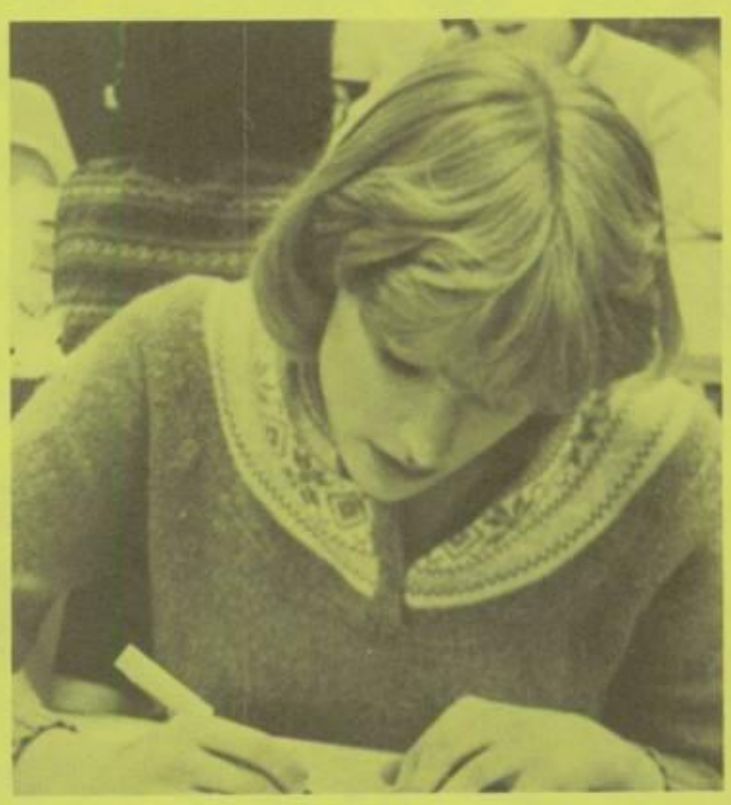
Michele Wolfe filled out a computer dating form. Computer dating was sponsored by Student Council and the results returned on Valentines Day.

Danna Woolever worked diligently during the blood drive.

Robin Reed took a break from decorating to show her "sexy" pose.

Abbie Windle smiles while selling computer dating forms.

Four girls were selected to go to the MASC Convention at Belton, Missouri, they were **Abbie Windle, Tanya Barkley, Shelly Summers,** and **Patricia Stewart.**



Today ... A new day in which to excel

The day was October 15, 1983 and excitement was in the air. More than 650 students were gathered at Memorial High School for the 43rd Annual Convention of the Southwest Missouri Federation of Student Councils.

Registration for the District convention began at 8:30 a.m. and ended at 9:15. While waiting to be registered many STUCO members were found in the cafeteria eating donuts and drinking milk. At 9:30 the opening session began with Memorials ROTC presenting the flags and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. Parkwood Senior Girls Trio and Junior Girls Trio and Memorial varsity cheerleaders provided entertainment. Then **Dr. Vernon Hudson** and **Dr. James Shoemake** welcomed everyone to the Convention.

At the close of the opening session, discussion groups began. At discussion groups STUCO people talked about everything from improving one's self-image to parliamentry procedure and how to get more out of assemblies.

After the first discussion group lunch was served. There was a dance in the upstairs part of the gym. Music was provided by the Silver Dollar D.J.'s from Springfield, Missouri.

At 1:00 the second general session began. **Wallace Carr** welcomed all guests including **Mrs. Adelyn Horst,** former Memorial student council sponsor, **Mrs. Martha Hicks,** Missouri Association of Student Councils executive secretary, **Mr. Loyd Combs,** president of RVIII school board, and **Mrs. Sue Cummins,** Mount Vernon's sponsor. Next on the agenda for the second general session was the keynote address. The keynote speaker was Missouri's very own Congressman, **Gene Taylor.**

After Congressman **Taylor's** speech there was a question and answer session.

The second discussion group began at 2:00. During this time there was a reception for Congressman **Taylor** in the library.

2:40 marked the beginning of the closing session.There was .roll call and reports on Camp Cheley, NASC Convention, and Fulton. Then Dr. **Skip Sallee** brought the inspirational address. Following this there was the introduction of the 1984 District Convention officers.

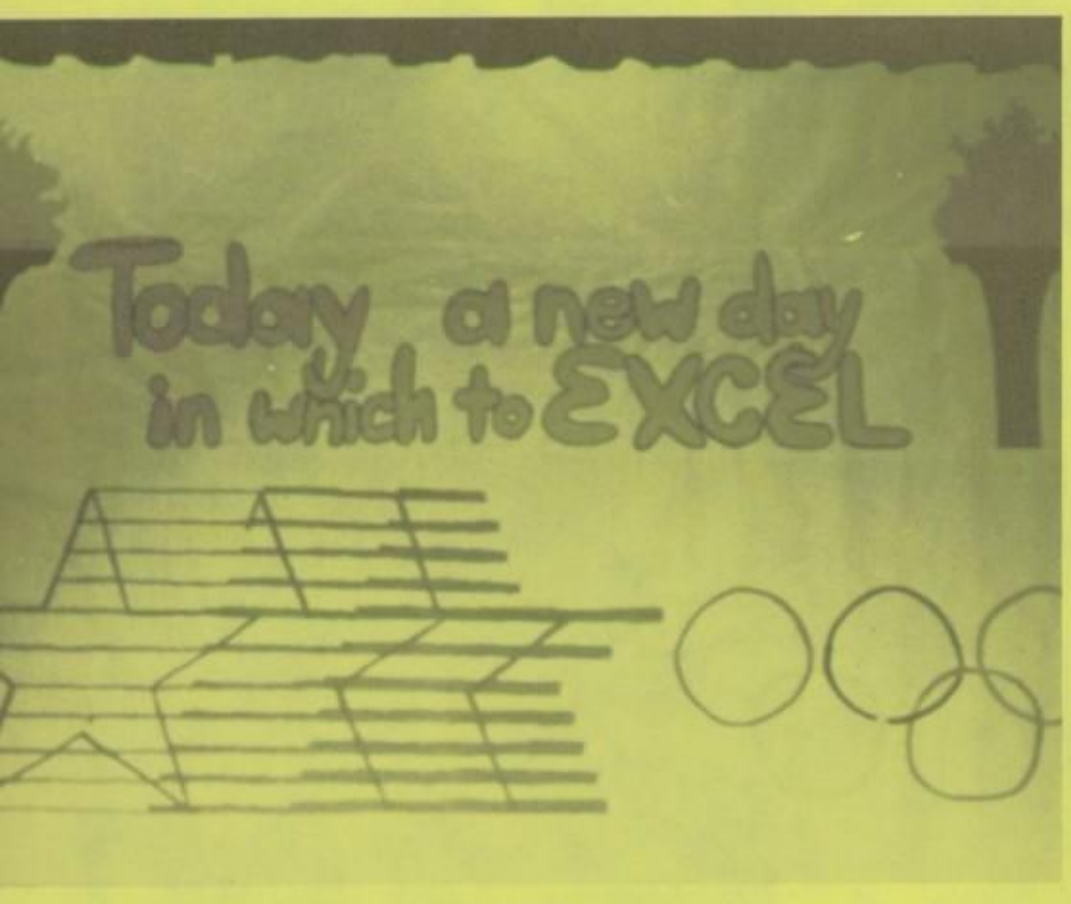
The theme for the convention was Today ... A New Day In Which To Excel. **Laurel Ricketts,** president, chose this theme because "it seemed inspiring, it said that yesterday didn't matter, do your best today."

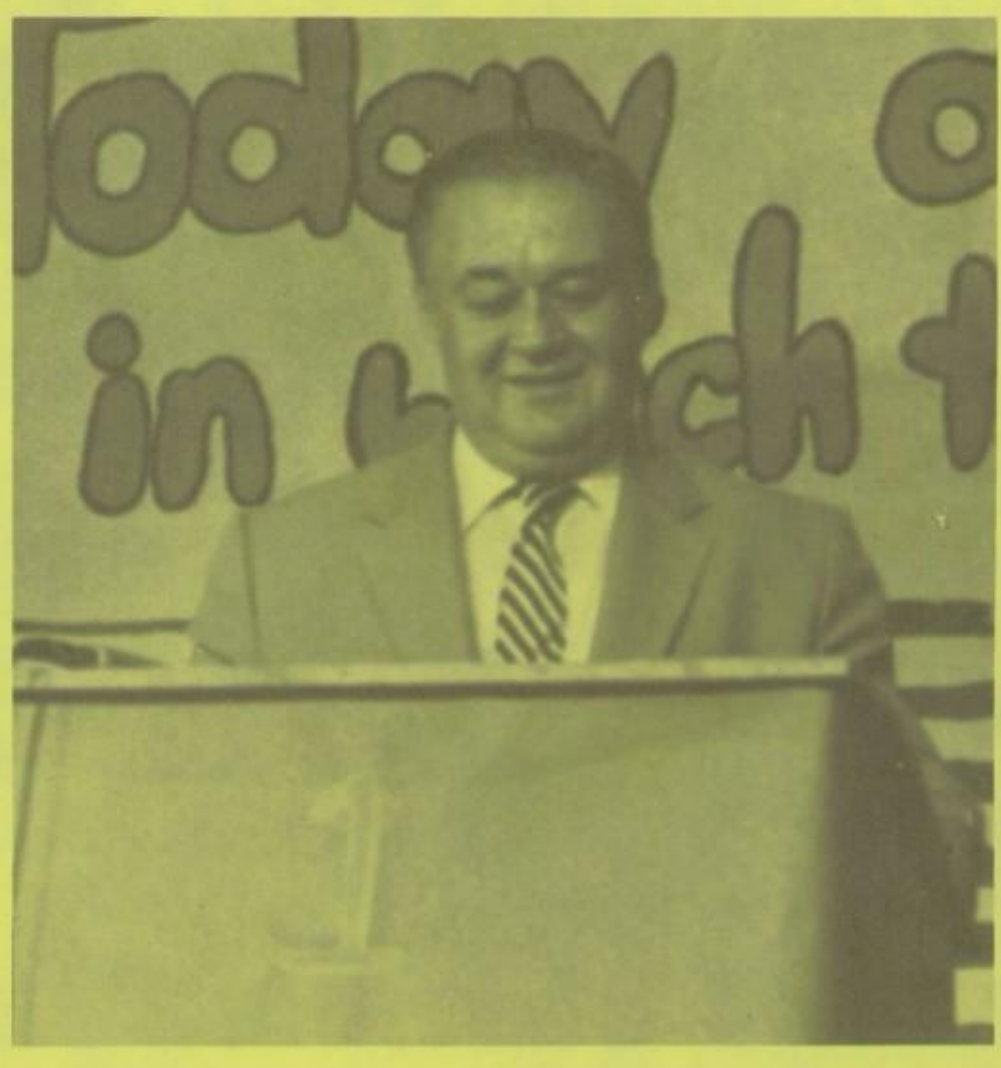
Officers for the 1983 district Convention were Memorial High School - President, Mount Vernon High School - first Vice President, Reed Junior High School - second Vice President, and Mountain Grove High School - Secretary.

Schools from Springfield to Branson to Carthage attended.

Since Memorial was president much of the work had to be delegated among Student Council representatives. Committee chairmen were:

Gary Rhoades - Hospitality
Leigh Johnson - Elections
Robin Doerge - Elections
Michelle Wolfe - Decorations
Wendy Wright - Dance
Heather Long - Packets
Shelly Edwards - Reception
Sara Vavra - Discussion Groups
Tanya Barkey - Publicity





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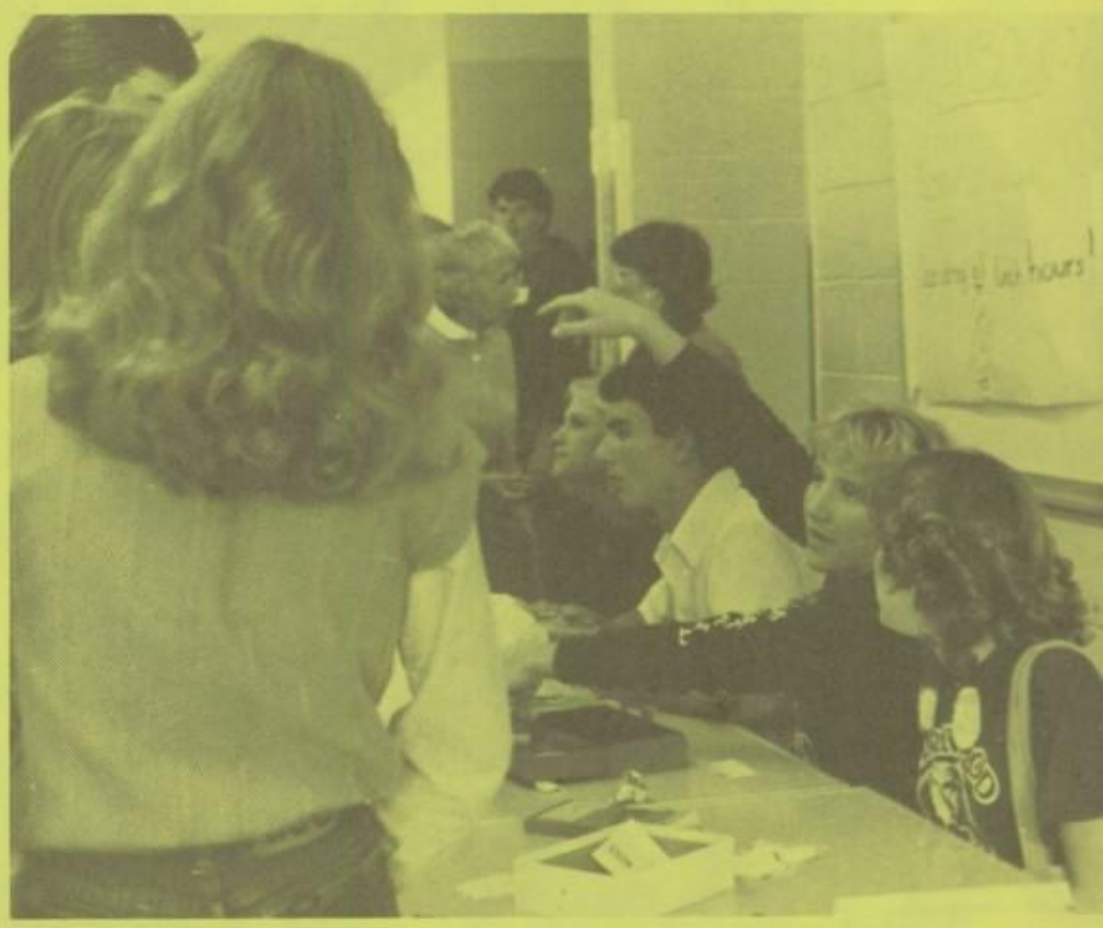
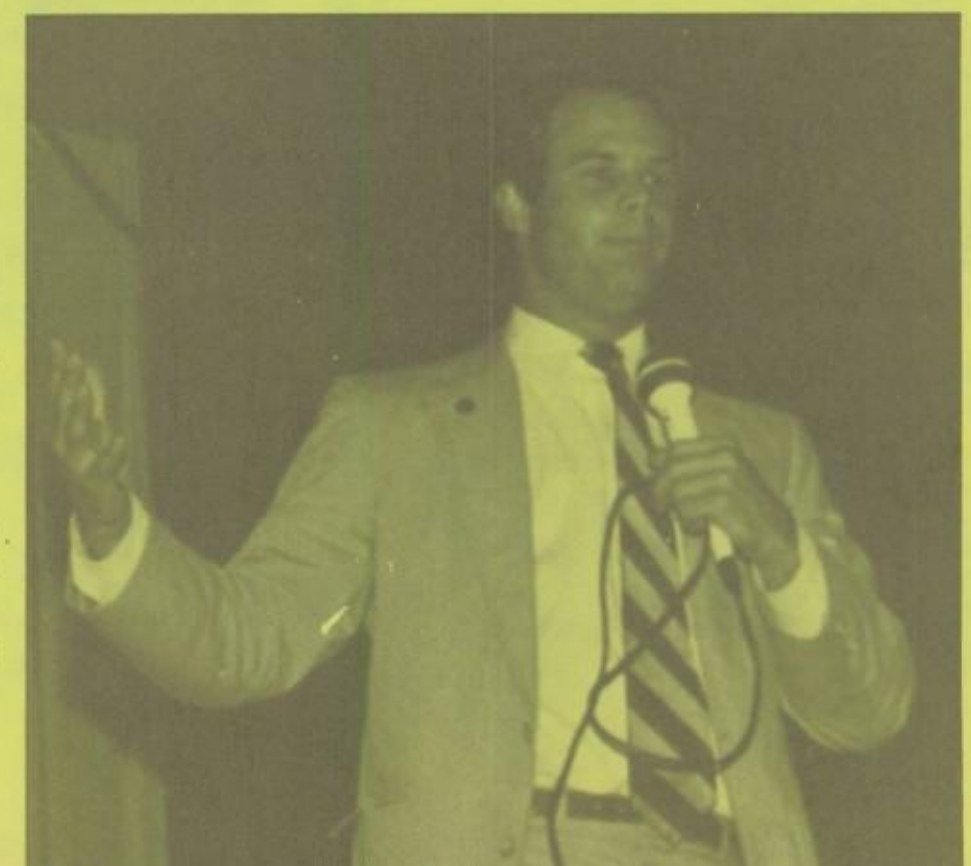
Congressman **Gene Taylor** was the keynote speaker.





Wallace Carr and **Laurel Ricketts** were busy welcoming guests.

The secretary of Missouri's student councils was **Martha Hicks.**

Dana Lewis and **Gary Rhoades** told people where to go.

Many long hours and hard work were put into the welcome poster.

Parkwoods Junior Girls Trio provided part of the entertainment for the first general session.

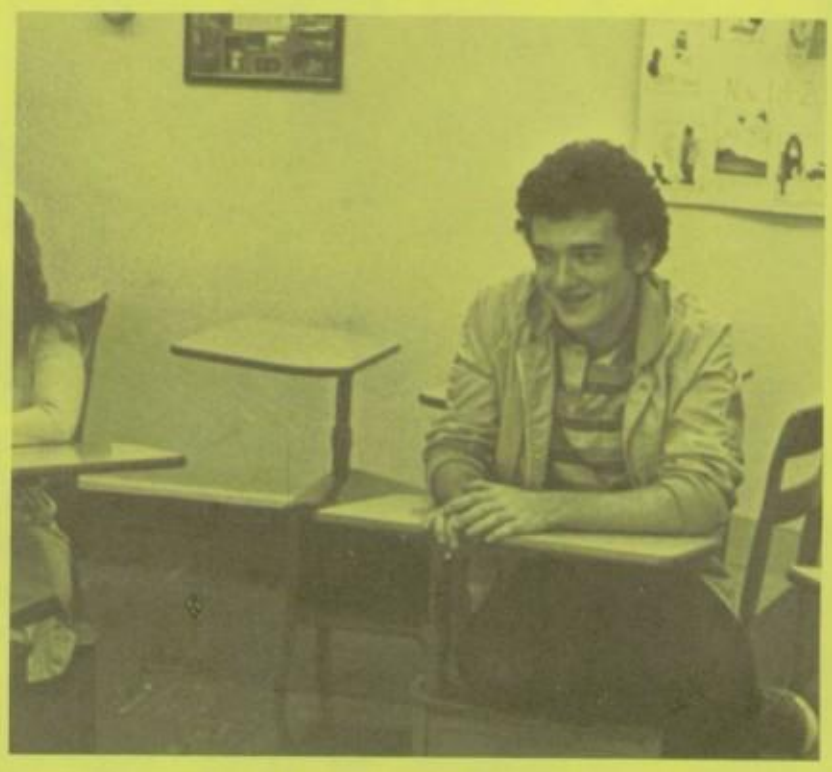
Skip Sallee, a sixth year medical student at UMKC, was the final speaker.

Drama groups earn points

N.F.L. doesn't stand for National Football League and I.T.S. is not a club for its, not at Memorial High School, anyway. Instead, N.F.L. stands for the National Forensic League. Members in this club participate in speech, humorous interpt, oratory, and poetry competitions. Each member receives points for performance in such competitions.

Members of I.T.S. (International Thespian Society) also earn their membership by collecting points. Points are earned by helping with or participating in the school's plays.

These two clubs work together under the supervision of **Mrs. Bonnie Schurman.** Serving as president was **Brad Burris. Kevin Babbit** served as vice-president, **Jackie Bacus,** secretary and **Mike Hogan,** treasurer. Members included **Sherry Barnes, Tammy Barnes, Darin Bishop, Becky Blood, Nita Briley, Kelly Cannon, Barbie Duke, Richard Duncan, Claire McCaffery, Laurel Ricketts, Brian Shank, Dana Snyder, Christie Tankersly, Denise Wamble** and **James Wood.**



Mrs. Bonnie Schurman ask "Are there any volunteers?"

Kevin Babbit listens intently as group members of I.T.S. discuss upcoming events.

Tammy Barnes and **Claire McCaffery** show enthusiasm while sharing ideas with club members.

Becky Blood waits to be dismissed from one of N.F.L.'s many meetings.

President **Brad Burris** gets things rolling at the first meeting.

Becky Blood and **Tammy Barnes** wait patiently for their President to arrive.

Secretary **Jackie Bacus** looks over the I.T.S./N.F.L. schedule.

Members of I.T.S./N.F.L. club are: **Brad Burris, Kevin Babbit, Jacke Bacus, Mike Hogan, Becky Blood, Nita Briley, Claire McCaffery, Tammy Barnes, Kelly Cannon, Christie Tankersly, Dana Snyder, Darin Bishop, Denise Womble, James Wood, Laurel Ricketts, Barbie Duke, Brian Shank,** and **Sherry Barnes.**

Curious what?

The "Curious Savage" cast: **Kelly Cannon, Claire McCaffery, Robin Reed, Kevin Babbitt, Dana Snyder, David Heflin, Becky Blood, Brad Burris, Tammy Barnes, James Wood,** and **Denise Womble.**

Hannibal, played by **Brad Burris,** entertains the guests.

The "Curious Savage" was presented by Memorial High School's Thespian Troupe on November 17, 18, and 19th, in the auditorium.

The "Curious Savage" was a play about a woman; Ethel P. Savage, played by **Claire McCaffery,** whose husband died. Ethel Savage found out that due to her husband's death she just inherited $10,000,000. After she received the large amount of money, Ethel gave it away to people with foolish causes. But of course her children got a little upset with her generosity and tried to put her in a mental institution, thinking they could get the money. Soon they learned that their mother put the money in bonds and had hidden the bonds. Ethel tried all kinds of tricks to keep her children away from the bonds. In the end, Ethel P. Savage became victorious and kept all the money for herself.

The cast members were **Claire McCaffery** as Ethel P. Savage, **James Wood** as Senator Titus Savage, **David Heflin** as Judge Samuel Savage, **Robin Reed** as Lilie Belle Savage, **Tammy Barnes** as Dr. Emmett, **Becky Blood** as Miss Wilhelmine, **Brad Burris** as Hannibal, **Kevin Babbitt** as Jeff, **Kelly Cannon** as Fairy May, **Dana Snyder** as Florence, and **Denise Womble** as Mrs. Pady.

Claire McCaffery was in charge of make-up, **Mike Hogan** was stage manager, **Jackie Bacus** was in charge of costumes, and production manager was **James Wood.**

Mrs. Savage, played by **Claire McCaffery,** reflects on her warm memories of the people at the sanitarium.

Lilie Belle, played by **Robin Reed** struggles to gain possession of the teddy bear.

Everyone wants the bonds.

Mrs. Paddy, played by **Denise Womble,** is told to think!

"There's a rat in the hall!"

Lights, camera, action!

Memorial High School presented Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II's musical "Oklahoma" May 5-7. **Mrs. Bonnie Schurman,** speech and drama teacher, was the director.

"Oklahoma" was a musical love story set in the west. The setting was Oklahoma when it was just becoming a state. The play centered around two characters, Curly and Laurie who were in love.

Characters and cast were as follows: Aunt Eller, **Samalou Tate;** Curly McLain, **James Wood;** Laurey Williams, **Margie White;** Ike Skidmore, **Dan Houpt;** Fred, **Darren Bishop;** Slim, **Mike Hogan;** Ado Annie Carnes, **Claire McCaffery;** Ali Hakim, **Brad Burris;** Gartie Commings, **Tracy Sloan;** Ellen, **Jeanne Nicholls;** Virgina, **Robin Reed;** Andrew Carnes, **Kevin Babbit;** Vivienne, **Dana Snyder;** Fay, **Denise Womble;** Cord Elam, **Jay Atchison;** farmers and cowboys, **Stephen Fredricks, Rusty Hight, Greg Meyer, Barry Wimberley, Ken Shaw, Carter Simmons,** and **Jeff Seward;** farmers' wives and daughters, **Sherry Barnes, Tammy Barnes, Rebecca Blood, Lona Boyer, Kelly Cannon, Kathy Ellison, Theresa Martin,** and **Anita Nelson.**

Claire McCaffery was in charge of make-up. The student director was **Kelly Weaver.** The production manager was **Janet Kemm.**

"The play was very successful and there were no major problems," said **Mrs. Schurman. Mrs. Schurman** also said that she was very pleased with the enthusiasm and cooperation of the audience.

Ali Hakim gives Ado Annie an "Oklahoma hello."

The farmers and the cowboys take a break from the busy work to enjoy a square dance.

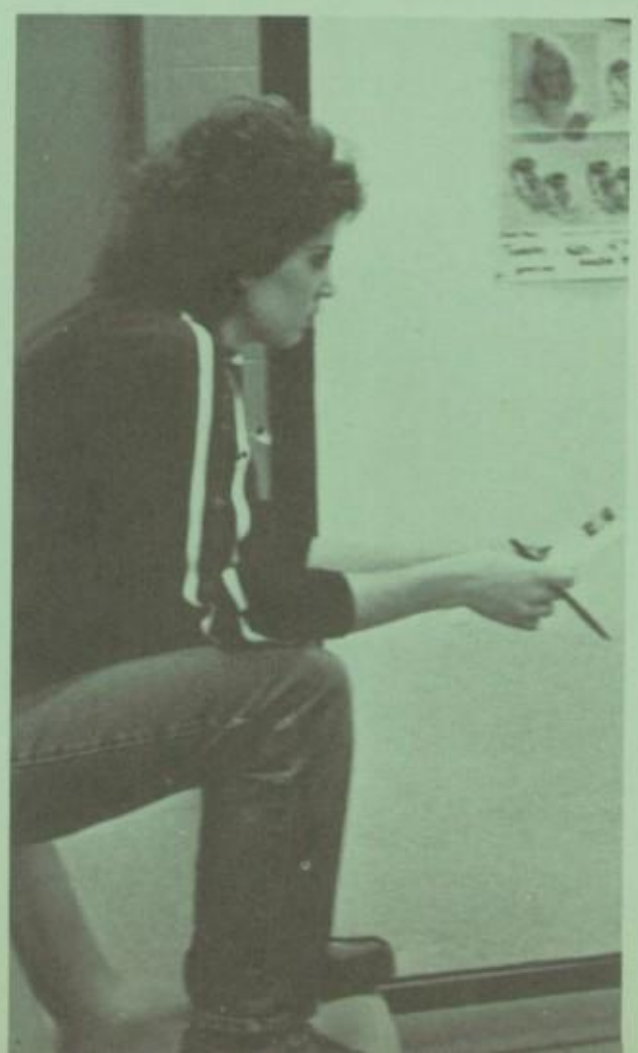
Laurey and Curly finally get married.

Curly saves Laurey from the clutches of Jud Fry.
Aunt Eller boots the traveling salesman Ali Hakim.
Curly tries to save himself from Jud Fry's quick draw.
The city dancing girls titilate the country boys.

Full Meal deal

Eagles Advisory Team is a newly formed organized club whose main purpose is to make the cafeteria a more pleasant place. This meant decorating for special events or speaking for fellow students about the food serviced. The team also had tasting parties to help decide on new foods to serve to help the cafeteria have more appeal.

While representing the students at Memorial, the club also traveled to local elementary schools to help children learn about nutrition. The team presented a skit and gave a speech to help the children understand the importance of a well-balanced diet.



Mrs. Crowell, cafeteria manager, is the sponsor of E.A.T.

Part of the E.A.T. at their best.

E.A.T.'s officers, **Liza Lewis, Wendy Wright, Darin Hertzberg** and **Leigh Johnson.**

Leigh Johnson's duty as President is to conduct meetings.

Kim Hoag, Kim Bopp, Kim Bartlett listen during a meeting.

Titia Watson and **Darin Hertzberg** learn of upcoming events.

Putting on the ritz

The Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee held planning meetings and fundraisers to help reach the goal of a great prom.

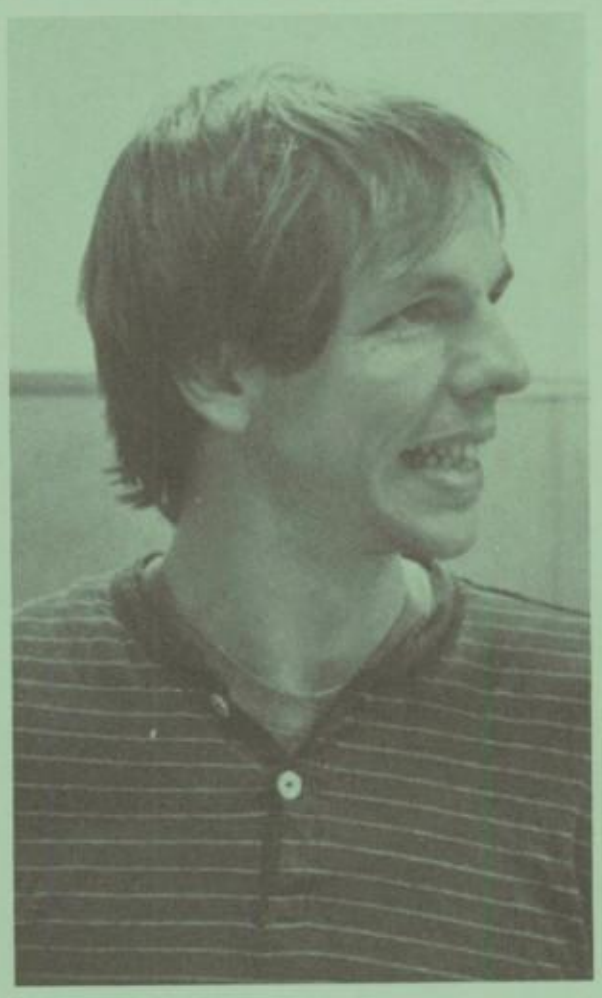
Their weekly meetings were led by **Wendy Wright**, president, and **Dana Dry**, secretary/treasurer, along with their sponsor, **Mr. Terry Ensor.** During the meetings the committee discussed location, entertainment, and decorations for the big event.

Although these subjects were decided by the whole committee, there were sub-committees for each major object of importance. The chairmen for these sub-committees were **Shanna Hight**, entertainment; **Gina Bazzano**, location; and **Cheryl Sharp**, theme and decoration.

Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee

Jill Markman, Dana Dry and **Wendy Wright** go out on the limb as officers.

Cheryl Sharp, Shanna Hight, Gina Bazzano are the chairmen of committees.



Mr. Ensor played a major part of the Prom Committee as the sponsor.

Mrs. Wheeler was also sponsor of Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee.

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Math League was an honor, a privilege and hard work for those students who possessed particular interest and ability in the subject of math.

To become a member, one must have been making an "A" in his or her current math class. Also, no member could miss more than two Friday meetings a month or miss two competitions during the whole year.

Mr. Mitchell Bean sponsored the group which consisted of eighteen members. Junior, **Greg Meyer** was the captain of the team which includes members from each class.

Members met every Friday to receive more worksheets and ask any questions they might have on difficult problems. The day before each meet, members took a "dry run" test to see which members would compete for points on the following day.

Once at M.S.S.C., individuals from Memorial competed with people from 26 high schools from around the area. Members took tests in many subjects ranging from exponents, radicals, complex word problems, theorem problems, and trigonometry.

At the end of each year, individual and team points were calculated and a Math League banquet was held. Awards ranging from a presidential scholarship to trophies and plaques were given to various individuals and teams.

In expressing his thoughts about Math League **Mr. Bean** said, "Math League gives the student the experience of competing on a higher academic level to get familiar with college."

Bill Elliot did not like all the problems that he was given to solve —

Christy Tankersley confers with **Jody White** on a difficult mathematical problem.

Math League members included (from l-r) **Pam Nolan, Carrie Hiltner, Darin Hertzberg, Jody White, Christy Tankersley, Shannon Huggins, Bill Elliot, David Harder, Chris Still, Joe Shoemake, James Wood, Brian Perkstresser, Wesley Scoles, Robie Jordan, and Greg Meyer.**

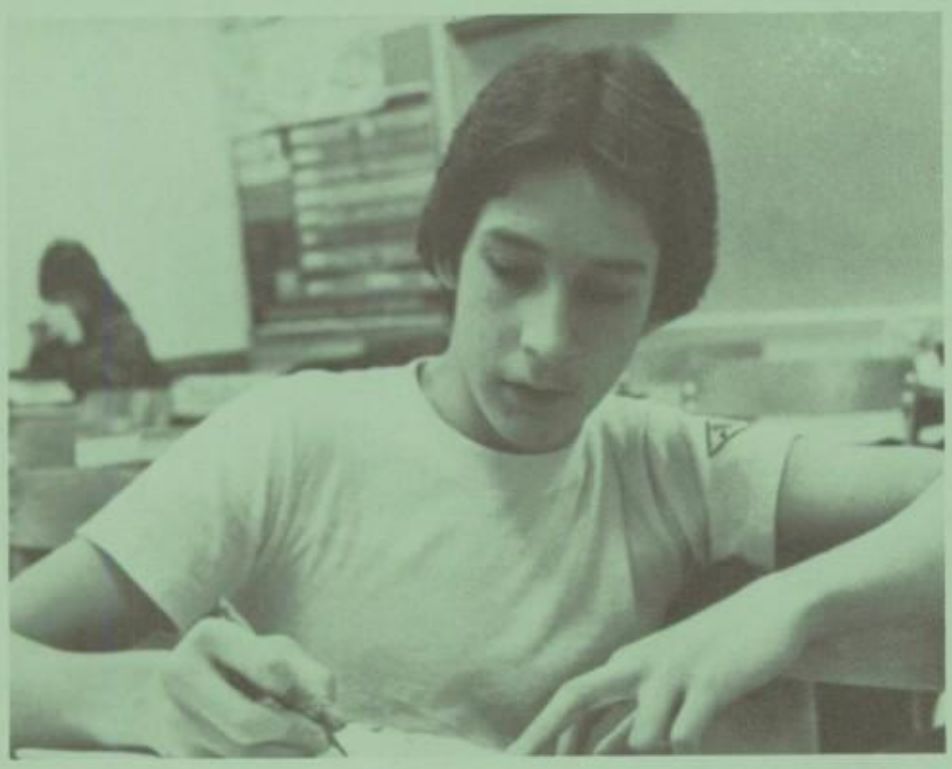
Mr. Bean helped many students like **Cheryl Stewart** to better understand all phases of math by answering their questions.

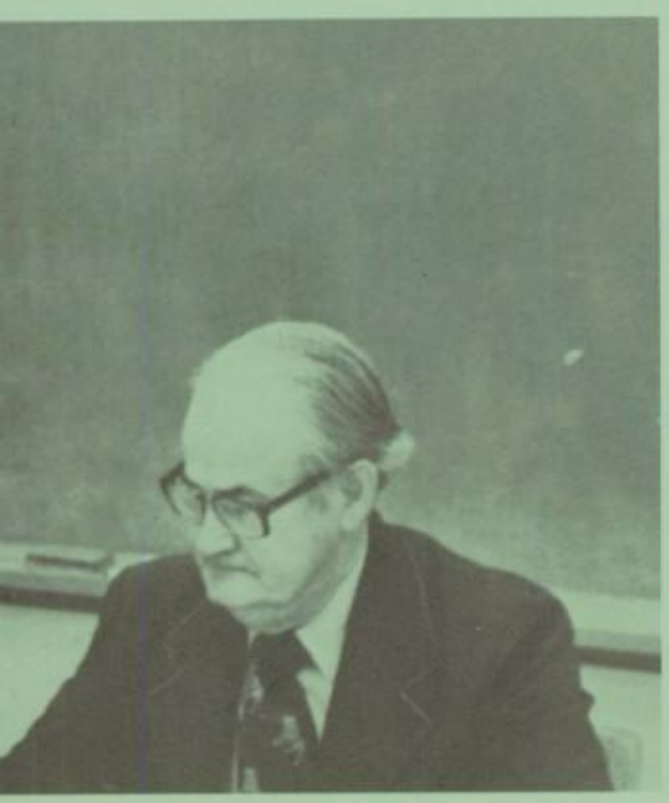
Shannon Huggins works on a problem during one of the weekly Friday morning meetings.

Joe Shoemake leisurely solves a problem during a "dry-run" test.

Brian Berkstresser and **David Harder** look over a new assignment.

Pam Nolan and **Carrie Giltner** work individually to complete a tough assignment.





Tournament a success

The 1983-84 invitational Speech and Debate Tournament held at Memorial was a big success. According to the director of the tournament, **Mrs. Bonnie Schurman,** "the tournament ran exceptionally smooth. The chairpersons were on top of things and knew what they were doing. This was by far the best tournament we have ever held thanks to the fantastic students who ran it."

No students from Memorial competed in the two day event held on Friday and Saturday.

Ninety invitations were sent out to schools in the four state area. Twenty-five schools accepted. Over 250 judges and 300 students participated.

The speech categories involved original oratory, extemporaneous speaking, humorous interpretation, prose/poetry interpretation, and dramatic and humorous duet acting.

The debate category consisted of the Lincoln-Douglas one man debate and the two man debate.

At first, all of the teams went through preliminary competition. The top teams from the competition advanced to the semi-final rounds. The teams kept advancing in rounds until finally, most of the teams were eliminated. The remaining teams for each catagory advanced to finals and were judged by a panel of five judges.

At the end of the tournament 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies were presented for each event. Medals were given to all of those advancing to finals but not receiving a trophy.

Sweepstakes trophies were given to the best over-all schools. Parkview won first place. Boliver won second place. Park Hill and Central tied for third place.

The tournament wouldn't have been possible without the help of the students at Memorial. Those that helped were **James Wood, Denise Womble, Mike Hogan, Tammy Barnes, Sherri Barnes, Val Bradley, Kirk Burris, Brad Burris, Kelly Canon, Kevin Babbitt, Dana Snyder, Becky Blood, Kim Bopp, Debra Clopton, Barbie Duke, Mary Eichelberger, Melanie Hogan, Jeannie Nichols, Amy Oldham, Bryan Shank,** and **Jeff Turner.**

Memorial assistants and chairpersons worked hard to keep the tournament running smoothly.

Assistants and chairpersons did a great job of running the tournament.

Kelli Bopp and **Mike Hogan** concentrate on the paperwork.

Tournament trophies proved to be an impressive display for tournament winner hopefuls.

Barbie Duke cheerfully worked the concession stand.

Kelly Cannon flashes a smile during tournament time.

Mrs. Schurman had the busy job of being tournament director.

Band stays busy

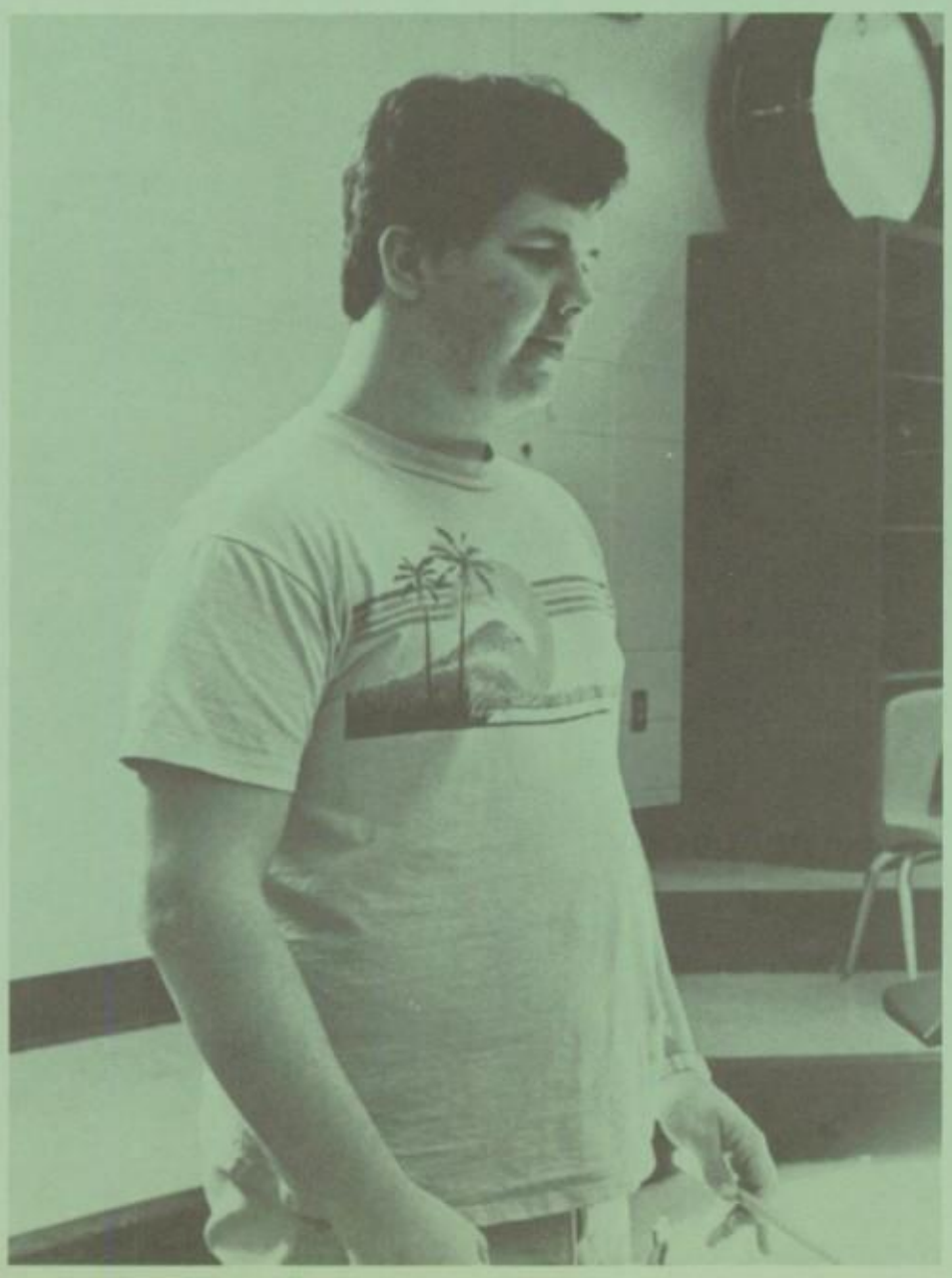
Memorial's band consisted of 42 members and director **Larry Sanborn.** This group of musicians practiced marching almost every day during football season. Their hard work was demonstrated at half time of every home game where each half time performance was planned to every note and every step.

During basketball season, the band played at the home games. Between games, the band got ready for Christmas performances and midterm concerts. Later, in the spring, the band prepared for spring concerts.

Band members included; **Melanie Robertson, Carla Jennings, Jason Buchanon, Debbie Smallwood, Kellie Bopp, Christie Turnbow, Kim Baker, Jennifer Farrow, Amy Oldham. Second Row; Skip Ray, Tina Stewart, Thad Bealer, Tim Wade, Gordon Noah, Tim Enlow, Chris Richards, Mike Hogan, Kurt Boun, Darrel Mead, Katie Miller, Pam Nolan, Steve Campbell, Kenny Shaw.** Third Row; **Wade Courtney, Rhonda Hembree, Marita Doolittle, Jeff Charles, Greg Shaw, Matt Blankenship, Rob Duke, Jeff Burton, Kevin Babbitt, Paul Guthrie, Kent Parcell. Fourth Row; Kelli Greer, Deanne Ashby, Denise Womble, Shelly Ackerson, Tammy Barnes, Brenda Ackerson and Mr. Sanborn.**

The Flag Girls were **Deanne Ashby, Tammy Barnes, Brenda Ackerson, Kelli Greer, Denise Womble** and **Shelly Ackerson.**

The trumpet section practices in perfect unison.



Mr. Sanborn directs the band during practice.

Kent Parcell gets to work in the tuba section.

Marita Doolittle and **Rhonda Hembree** follow every note of music.

Wade Courtney never missed a beat in the drum section.

Changes improve quality

The Memorial High School Orchestra spent many hours perfecting their instrumental skills and turning the notes on sheets of paper into real music. During the year the orchestra experienced many changes that improved their all-around quality.

The orchestra experienced a major change in its 1983-84 school year by acquiring a new director, **Mr. Terrence Dolance. Mr. Dolance** had previously directed at Parkwood but it wasn't until this year that he began teaching at Memorial.

The orchestra consisted of 23 string and woodwind playing students.

A change was made in the band and orchestra hours in that they met during the same hours instead of different hours as they have in past years. The hours were set up in this way to allow the woodwinds to practice with the band three days a week and with the orchestra two days a week. In this way the students could benefit by being able to take both band and orchestra during their school year.

It was the first year for the players to dress in "concert black" instead of their usual dress clothes for concerts. This beneficial change was made to add eye pleasing uniformity to the orchestra.

During the year the orchestra competed in the music festivals at Parkwood and Miami. Unfortunately the annual Christmas concert was cancelled. The Orchestra held two more concerts. One was on March 6th during The March for Nationwide Music in Our School Week. The annual Spring concert was on May 15th.

Michelle Miller gives everyone the evil eye

Melanie Robertson tries to figure out the days music

Ryan Harmon harmonizes

Jeff Burton blew a trombone his hour in Orchestra

Melanie Robertson and **Jill Markman** toot their boots off.

Jill Markman pretends to play the violin

The Memorial High School Orchestra: From left to right - back row. **Wallace Carr, Penny Allen, Roberta Kleiner, Rob Gordan, Joy Shannon, Jeff Burton, Kevin Babbit, Mr. Dolance, Mike Hogan, Thad Beeler, Chris Richards, Jason Buchanan,** First row: **Cindy Carlton, Sherri Carlton, Joe Shumake, Ryan Harmon, Jill Markman, Melanie Robertson, Christine Tines, Tina Sherman, Lori McMillan.** Not pictured: **Kevin Stinnett**

Thad Beeler huffed and puffed his way through Orchestra.

Town Singers entertain

The Townsingers of Memorial High School provided great vocal entertainment to their audience. Under the direction of **Mr. Larry Sanborn** the Townsingers performed in many concerts, sang at music festivals, and went on two tours with the concert choir. This year there were more boys than there ever has been. The group consisted of 17 students: **Becky Blood, Tammy Barnes, Sherry Barnes, Missy Doolittle, Stephanie Fish, Jodi White, Kerri White, Claire McCaffery, Teresa Martin, Bryan Shank, Chris Ellison, Sam Eakins, Mike Hogan, Kevin Babbit, Ken Shaw, Kevin Stinnet,** and **Jeff Burton. Mrs. Gloria Sanborn** was the group's accompanist.

Mr. Sanborn directs the Town Singers.

The Town Singers: Bottom L-R, **Chris Ellison, Ken Shaw, Jeff Burton, Kevin Babbit. Middle, Teresa Martin, Sherry Barnes, Tammy Barnes, Claire McCaffery, Kerri White, Jodi White, Becky Blood. Top, Missy Doolittle, Bryan Shank, Mike Hogan, Sam Eakins, Stephanie Fish.**

Kevin Babbit memorize a new song.

Bryan Shank and **Sam Eakins** practice for a performance.

Mike Hogan learns his notes by the piano.

The Girls Glee

Freshmen sing their hearts out

Girls Glee was a select group of girls who used their vocal ability to perform for many audiences. This group consisted of thirty freshman girls.

The girls sang under the direction of **Mr. Wayne Lawson.** Out of this group there were several small ensembles including a trio and a sextet.

During the year Girls Glee sang in two contests and three concerts.

The Girls Glee consisted of **Michelle Reed, Aimee Weston, Julie Jackson, Kelly Stratton, Pam Henckle, Raquel England, Melanie Fish, Deanne Turner, Shelly Scroggins, Jennifer Wilson, Jennifer Baine, Gina Corrigan, Rachel Crowl, Dawn Holly, Karri Goddard, Angela Whited, Lori Gallap, Shanna Dickey, Cindy Crow, Roxanna Moss, Kim Burns, Angela Roof, Debbie Johnson, and Johna Kingrey.**

Shanna Dickey and **Kim Burns** learn a new song.

Gina Corrigan concentrates on learning her notes.

Pam Henckle and **Crystal Martin** prepare for an upcoming concert.

Mr. Lawson enjoys hearing the girls sing.

What is academics?

"Academic achievement is a somewhat empty phrase to me. It is of course important, but what should be more important is what we learn, not the grade we get." — **CINDY NEAGLE**

Academic achievement to me is obtaining the educational goals I set for myself." — **DEBBIE LOVE**

"Academic achievement is what school is all about. I am glad that those who take school seriously and excell academically are being recognized. About five years ago, being academically high was not regarded too highly. Today however, those that excell in school are congratulated. Fortunately for me and my future I did my best." — **TOM BELL**

"Academics is to me far more than 'making the grade.' Academics is a way of life in which I can constantly practice the expansion of my knowledge. I feel it is best summed up by a Hindu proverb that states: "The wise man looks into his heart and finds eternal peace." — **LISA JOSEPH**

To be a member of the National Honor Society took lots of work and many hours of studying. Honor students worked diligently all four years of their high school years to remain in the top category of their class.

The National Honor Society for the 1983-84 school year consisted of nine members. **Mr. Joe Rowe** served as the sponsor for the National Honor Society.

Each of these students told in their own words what academic achievement meant to them.

"To me academic achievement is a chance to prove to myself that I am worth something. It gives me something to work for and there is a certain amount of challenge. I like trying to do things 'better' than everyone else, I do not always succeed but it is a challenge to try. I hope academic achievement will give me the chance to go much further with my education." — **SARA VAVRA**

"Academic achievement means pushing yourself beyond just passing a class. It involves devoting a lot of time to school and putting forth your very best effort. It means striving to exceed both personal and scholastic limitations. To me, academic achievement means a feeling of self satisfaction." — **WANDA PRICE**

The National Honor Society contained the following members: **Cindy Neagle, Heather Long, Lisa Joseph, Tom Bell, Wanda Price, Debbie Love, Laurel Ricketts, Gary Rhoades,** and **Sara Vavra.**

Extra! Extra! Read all about it.

If you were stopped in the hall and asked your opinion on an issue it was probably a staff member of Spyglass. These staffers were just doing their duty of going out and finding the news and then putting their facts into a story.

Senior editor, **Sara Vavra** said that the main goal for Spyglass this year was to produce a better quality paper that comes out monthly. She also said that she hasn't had any major problems as being editor except maybe those last minute trips to the publishers at Franklin Tech.

The Spyglass staff this year included: **Garry Rhoades,** sports editor; **Sally Lea,** assignment editor; lay-out editor, **Heather Long;** Business editor, **Dana Lewis;** artist, **Steve Wood;** photographers, **Philip Willcoxon,** and **Eric Hutchison; Chuck Carlisle, Stella Caylor, Lisa Holly, Cindy Neagle, Janey Prince, Darryl Reynold, Rebecca Smart,** and **David LaMothe.** Spyglass Ad staff included: **Robin Doerge, Tracy Ketron, Cameron Mueller,** and **Wendy Wright.**

After a busy day of trying to sell ads **Cameron Mueller** takes a couple of minutes to relax.

Tracy Ketron applies her typing ability to finish a story for Spyglass.

Mr. Diamond helps to find the hardest thing after a story, a headline.

Heather Long and **Gary Rhoades** are anxious to find out what story is next.

Spyglass staffers included: **Sally Lea, Cameron Mueller, Gary Rhoades, Heather Long, Steve Wood, Wendy Wright, Eric Hutchison, Stella Caylor, Cindy Neagle, David LaMothe, Darryl Reynolds, Tracy Ketron, Robin Doerge, Chuck Carlisle, Sara Vavra, Rebecca Smart, Dana Lewis, Janey Prince, Philip Willcoxon,** and **Lisa Holly.**

Sara Vavra, editor, writes down thoughts on improving the paper.

Trying to think up a story is not very easy job as **Rebecca Smart** well knows.

Helping with the sorting of pictures, **Dana Dry** does one of the many tasks required of Talon staffers.

Senior staffers relieve themselves of one of their biggest miseries: juniors.

Junior staffers had to face the consequences of disobeying senior staffers.

Nothing will hold **Jimmy Kendall** back from Talon class.

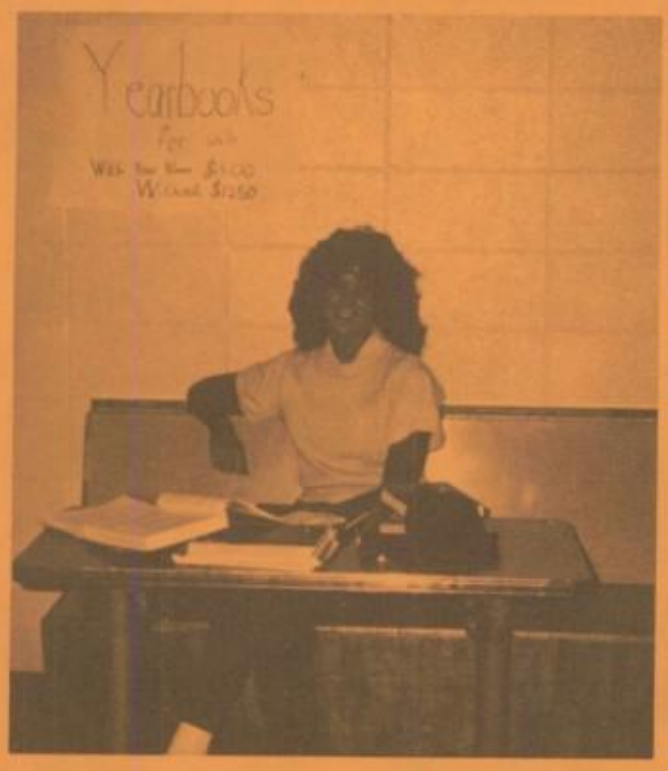
Tami Charron and **"Captain Kirk"** read over the copy of Talon staffers.

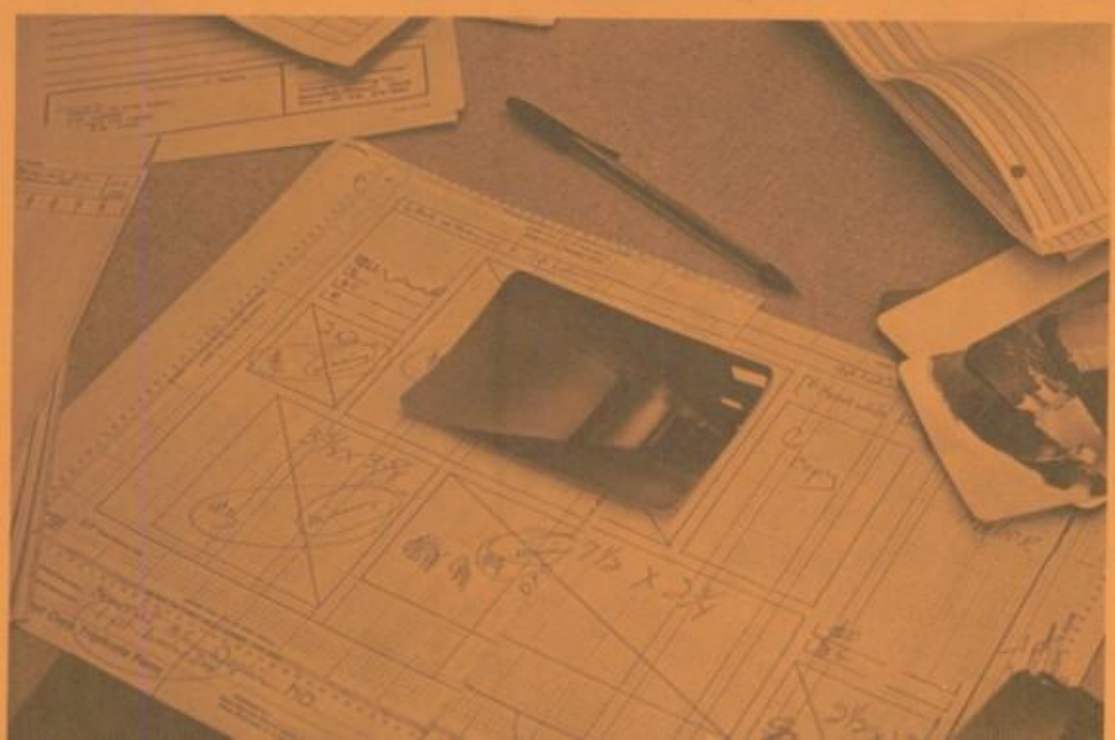
Talon colors your world

The theme of the 1983/84 Talon was "Color Your World". This is exactly what the Talon staffers did in putting together the yearbook. Each staffer did their best to color the yearbook with their own imagination and creative ideas. Many times this was hard because of deadlines, confusion, and complications. When these hard times came about **Mr. Kirk Diamond,** advisor, and **Tami Charron,** editor, were always there to answer questions and offer ideas. The staffers were: **Sharrock Dermott, Dana Dry, Suman Jaswal,** (Copy Editor), **Jimmy Kendall, Kim Mitchell, Laura Potts, Kyle Steele,** and **Tracy Turner.**

The photographers were a big part of the yearbook, too. They spent many hours in the dark room developing pictures. They also spent a lot of their time taking the pictures. The photographers included: **Doug Fisher** (head photographer), **Steve Harder, Lisa Joseph, Andy Laas, Liza Lewis,** and **Mark Williams.**

Another major part of the yearbok staff which goes unnoticed many times is the ad staff. Without their dedication of selling ads Talon would not be possible because of lack of money. The ad staff consisted of **Jackie Baccus** (ad manager), **Gina Bazzano, Melissa Grimes, Shanna Hight,** and **Kim Letts.**





Tami Charron feels the fatigue of being Talon editor at deadline.

Kim Mitchell uses her lunch time to sell yearbooks.

Photographers had to climb to all heights to get pictures.

Creating a layout for a Talon spread was a complicated task.

An event was a marked happening which often helped students look forward to something, ease tension, and become excited and involved. These students are enthusiastic in the routine breaking event of a pep assembly.

Remnants of a special event linger on with empty glasses, confetti, streamers, and faded flowers.

Events

Events Arouse Excitement

Involvement meant getting involved in something; becoming active in an event. Student involvement was of major importance to the student body of Memorial. Without involvement, school life could be a very boring life and days could seem endless. All school events such as sport activities, dances, plays, and publications, were all the result of much dedication, hard work, and student participation. Getting involved in activities brought responsibility and fun to many people. The enjoyment from the time spent at high school came about from people getting active in life and accomplishing projects.

Working with other people helped students grow and learn how to deal with certain situations and events in their daily life.

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Rock til you drop!

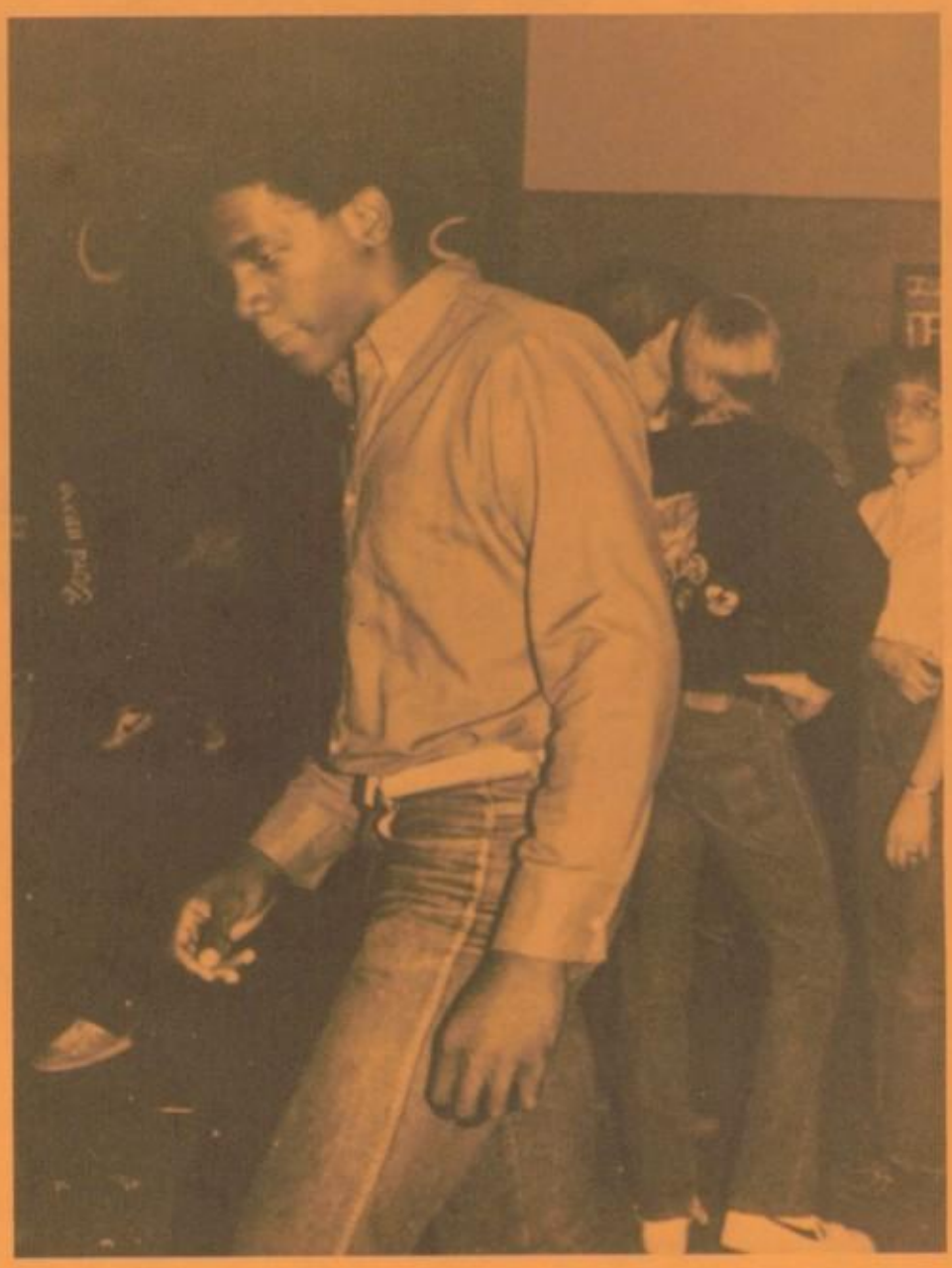
Where could you go to hear your favorite songs and see your friends "Get Down and Boogie"? Where else but at one of the many school dances that Memorial's Student Council sponsored. Much time and preparation went into each dance.

First, there must be a theme. Remember the first dance of the school year? Aloha, everyone get out your Hawaiian attire and come "Dance the Night Away".

Next, there was the Thanksgiving dance that was held in the gym. Remember when you saw that Freshman girl dancing with all the Senior guys? You wanted to tell her to "Beat It" but your best friend kept saying "Don't Cry".

Then, "One Thing Led to Another" and we soon were celebrating the Christmas season. Many students showed up at the Christmas dance to rock and roll "All Night Long". It was just a "Thriller". That was the night you finally got up enough nerve to ask someone to slow dance and she answered by saying "Why Me"? You knew right then "It Was a Mistake".

Each and every dance held special memories (whether exciting or embarrassing) for all those who attended them.



This was the first dance of the year and was designed to get people acquainted. It looks like it worked.

Marques Rodgers impresses the freshman with his impression of Michael Jackson.

Kim Mitchell and **Sally Lea** get ready to go to the "Aloha Dance."

"Come on **Rob**, all you have to do is ask her to dance, just don't let her know your only a Freshman.

No, this isn't a scene from "Risky Business", it's **Doug Fisher** preparing for the Aloha Dance.

Mr. Forrest Nelson asks the D.J. to play "Sentimental Journey". "What?"

Tad and **John Goswick** try to impress the girls at the Thanksgiving Dance. Nice try guys.

Queen candidates and teachers anticipate the beginning of the Homecoming coronation.

Lisa Joseph was a Football Homecoming Queen candidate.

Queen candidate **Robin Doerge.**

Freshman Shelly Edwards, sophomore **Shelly Summers,** and candidate **Tami Charron** wait patiently for the game to begin.

Tami Charron and her escort **Jimmy Kendall.**

A fascinated MHS

Fascination was definitely in the air on October 6, 1983. Football Homecoming was unlike any before. There were five queen candidates and all escorts were senior football players.

The night's festivities began before the game against McDonald County. Freshman attendant **Shelly Edwards** and her escort **Nathan Tate** arrived first, sophomore **Shelly Summers** and **Todd Good** followed and next was **Gina Bazzano**, junior with **Mark Williams** as her escort. The first queen candidate to appear was **Valerie Branch**, her escort was **Eric Colbert. Tami Charron** and **Jimmy Kendall** were the next to arrive, they were followed by **Robin Doerge** and her escort **Devin Kline.** The final two candidates were **Traci Hertzberg** and **Lisa Joseph**, their escorts were **Gary Rhoades** and **Travis Sparks**, respectively.

Finally, the big moment arrived, the crowd waited with anticipation as the announcement was read by **Laurel Ricketts. Traci** was esctatic when she heard the announcement that she was the 1983 Football Homecoming Queen.

The 1983 Football Homecoming Queen was **Traci Hertzberg** with **Melody Phillips** presenting the flowers and **Chad Doerge** as the crown bearer.

Junior **Gina Bazzano**, candidate **Valerie Branch** and candidate **Robin Doerge** flashed smiles before the game began.

Valerie Branch was proud to be a Homecoming Queen candidate.

A successful festival

Basketball Homecoming echoed through the minds of Memorial's students, Who shall I ask? What will I wear? Who will be queen were just some of the questions that came together on that special night.

After endless hours of shopping for that special dress or special suit, that all important phone call, and counting the ballots, the enthusiasm grew for homecoming.

Homecoming '84 was completed with the events during half-time and after the game. The announcement of the queen was to be heard in a matter of minutes. As the five candidates: **Lisa Joseph, Leigh Johnson, Robin Doerge, Tami Charron** and **Valerie Branch,** waited anxiously, the envelope was opened. The 1984 Basketball Homecoming Queen was ... **Valerie Branch.**

After the coronation of the queen and the remaining half of the game was over, the traditional homecoming dance was held in the cafeteria. Steve Scott provided the music for the dance. And everyone celebrated the theme of Festival.

Seniors **Tami Charron** and **Jim Kendall.**

Seniors **Leigh Johnson** and **Chuck Carlisle.**

Seniors **Lisa Joseph** and **Mark Williams.**

Seniors **Robin Doerge** and **Todd Good.**

Seniors **Valerie Branch** and **Wallace Carr.**

Freshman attendant **Diane Curtis** with escort **Rob Kanakis.**

Sophomore attendant **Tanya Barkley** with escort **Jeff Turner.**

Junior attendant **Traci Palmer** with escort **Marques Rodgers.**

The 1984 Basketball Homecoming Queen, **Valerie Branch,** with escort, **Wallace Carr.**

Spirit prevails

The 1983-84 school year was a year of extremely massive spirit. Camouflage and black clothes were worn as well as clothes that were just plain strange.

Although the football team had a rough time of things against Parkwood, we drilled them in basketball. Our home game with them fell on a Tuesday. It happened to be Valentines Day, so what did we dedicate that day to do? What else, but "We Love the Eagles Day!"

Spirit days were important in that they got students interested and involved with the activities that were happening and gave them the feeling that they were playing an important part even though they may not have been on the team.

Halloween affected **Scott Livingston** in a strange way.

Presenting his majesty, Reindeer King, **Todd Good.**

Mark Williams fills out his wet suit very well as **Gina Bazanno** finds out.

"We Love the Eagles Day" was enjoyed by **Cris Greenwood, Mike Roughton,** and **Cindi Williams.**

Albert McGee was the "masked villain".

Cheerleader **Lisa Joseph** demonstrated great spirit.

Basketball Jock **Travis Sparks** sung his way into the hearts of the whole school during his rendition of Twelve Days of Christmas.

Wild game hunter **Jim Kendall** is led through the marshes of Memorial by **Tammy Charron.**

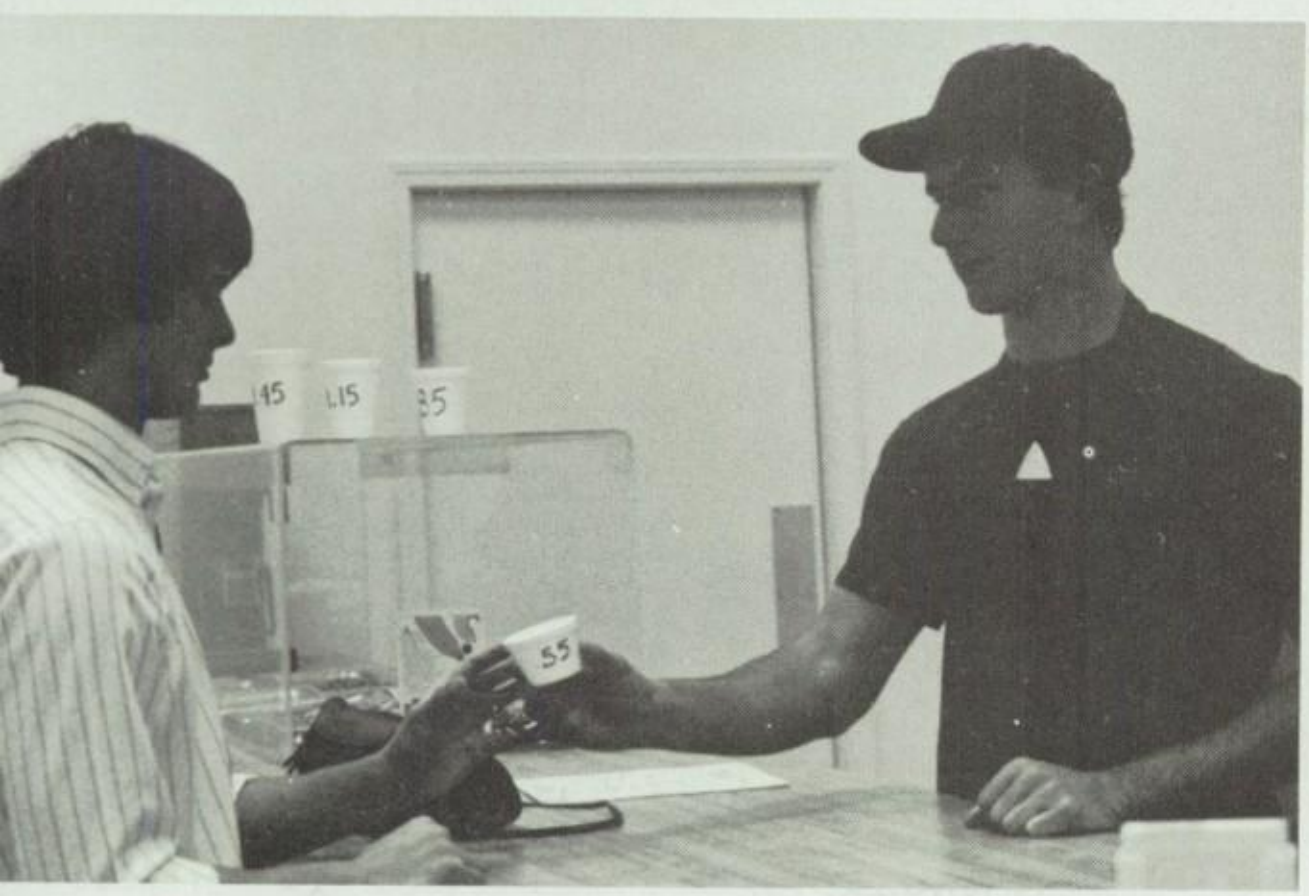
Students work hard for their money

Many students at Memorial had jobs this year. Whether it was gasoline, clothes, dating, or just a little extra money on the side, a job was necessary to support the high cost of living.

Jobs created difficulties for some students; not only did it cut social activities in half, but it also made it difficult to find time to get homework done without staying up until the wee hours of the night. This made keeping grades up to par very difficult also. However, most employees made it through the year like troopers. Thus it was safe to say, they worked hard for their money.

Tom Bell served another proud dish of Shoney's food.

Sharrock Dermott worked diligently at Kristi's.



Stacy Winchester delivers dessert while working at Shoney's.

Kim Mitchell rings up food during a work session at Hardees.

Gary Rhoades shows **Jim Kendall** the varying sizes of yogurt.

Home sweet home

In the big city of Joplin, there was quite a variety of things that could be found to do. For instance, we have all at one time or another gone to the movie theater on a date. And who could forget all of those parties at the Drive-In. Joplin provided us with two walk-in theaters and two Drive-Ins.

For those of us that were into the health craze there was Olympic Fitness Center. We could usually find one or two of our friends there trying to improve their physical being.

If dancing or playing pool was more your style, you were in luck this year. You no longer had to road trip to Kansas anymore. Joplin built their own Sgt. Pepper's with only "one small" difference.

Many other forms of entertainment were available too. There were bowling alleys, skating rinks, video game places and of course, the ever popular Main Street which has always been a favorite place to hang out.

One thing was for sure, Joplin would never go hungry. With places to eat ranging from fast food to fancy food, from Chinese food to Mexican food everyone could be satisfied.

Most of us dream of the day we will leave Joplin, Missouri. Not until we do will we look back and see that it wasn't such a bad place to grow up as we had once thought it to be.

The falls always seemed to be a great place to gather with friends to enjoy the water or the view.

Eastgate proved to be a great place to see the newest flicks (or a great excuse to give Mom).

Olympic Fitness Center was a popular place, especially during the winter months when you needed a little exercise.

Joe Baby,
Well you asked for it so
here goes. You're a real swell
guy, you've got a pretty crude
sense of humor but your funn
& you make me laugh & I like
ya that way. You're alot of
fun to talk to & be around.
You drive like a maniac & you
gonna get yourself killed, well
I know you don't care but I do. You'd better stick
around until I kill myself! believe me with my mom
around it won't be long that nag is driving me crazy

This snow scene seems to sum up Joplins weather this past winter.

This beautiful spot, better known to some as inspiration point, seemed to inspire many (especially at night).

Downtown Joplin may be lacking in some areas, but not during the Christmas Season.

The Crest Drive-In served as a Great place to be with friends in warmer weather.

Sgt. Pepper's Teen Retreat was the new popular place for some Jr. and Senior high pool sharks, video wizards or punk Dancers.

Don't party too much because you can't ~~lose~~ lose any more of your brain! (Just joking). Remember the toad. She got it! It let it smelled good. Have a great summer (not to greatunless you're with me.)

P.S. Party your ass off!

Love ya lots,
Cheryl

Events change lives

The 1983/84 school year brought about many events around the world, in the United States, and even in Joplin.

In the world situation, many frightening and exciting things happened. The crisis in Lebenon and Grenada brought about much fear and controversy as American troups were sent to those countries. In the Soviet Union the Russians mourned over the death of their leader, **Yuri Andropov,** while the rest of the world waited anxiously to see who the next leader would be. In Sarejevo, Yugoslavia the 1984 Winter Olympics were held and Americans watched as our own olympic representatives either received hard earned metals or were disappointed by tragic losses.

In the United States many new developments and events came about. As the space shuttle was going into space more and more, America had many new experiments. One of the biggest accomplishments was sending a man into space unteathered from the ship.

A major cause of concern and discussion in the United States was the topic of nuclear war. In November of 1983 the T.V. movie "The Day After" was aired and it showed what life might be like after a nuclear attack. This movie shocked and frightened many people.

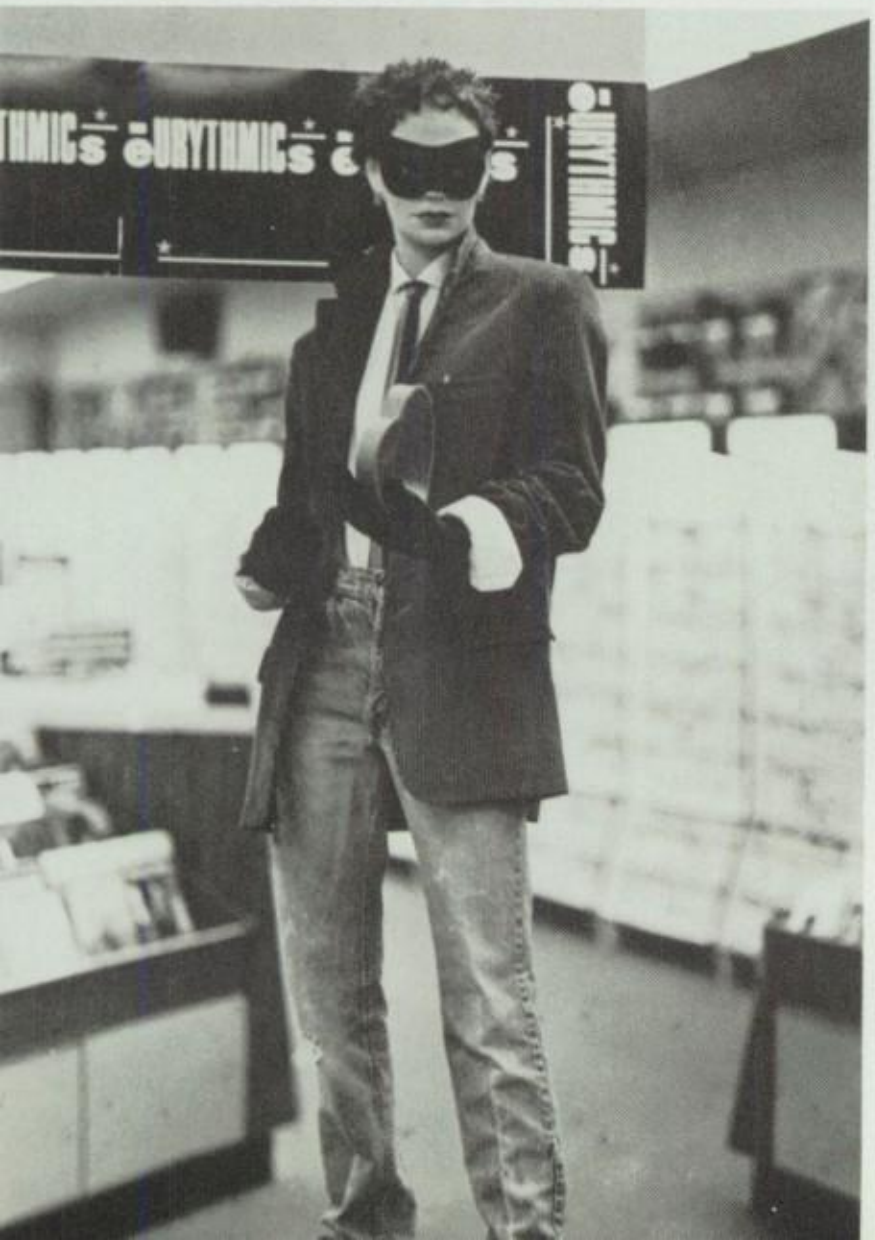
In December, Cabbage Patch Dolls became America's hottest item on the market. These dolls couldn't be bought but had to be adopted. Each doll was different and came with its own adoption papers.

Another one of America's hotest items was rock videos. **Michael Jackson's** video "Thriller" was a 14 minute video which became famous for its length as well as its production.

Joplin also had some exciting things happen during the year. One of the best known things was the **Christine Kraft** trial. This trial brought much publicity to Joplin and made our little town known all around the nation.

The 1983/84 school year was filled with many memorable occassions and each one of them was something that made our year more exciting.

The 1984 Ferrari Mondial was a car that everyone would like to have. These were just some of the recent albums and songs that were big hits. **Michael Jackson's** video "Thriller" was a big hit in 1984.



Time Magazine was one of the best ways to find out the year's current events.

Annie Lennex was one of the year's big singing hits.

Dr. Hudson cuddles three Cabbage Patch Dolls which were one of American's biggest items during the year.

Roxanna Moss displays a unique form of eyewear.

Andy Laas, one of the many students of Memorial, shows his clowning ability.

People

Individuality Stands out

There were so many different people at Memorial, so many faces to be seen each day. Faces laughing, faces smiling, faces crying, faces staring, were everywhere anybody looked. People were what made each day at school special. Without other people, and different types of people to encounter, school would definitely be a very boring place to be.

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Eric Bancil

Alitha Barret
Renea Beebe
Thad Beeler
Julie Biggs
Dina Bishop
Matt Blankenship

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Elizabeth Brown
Lisa Brown

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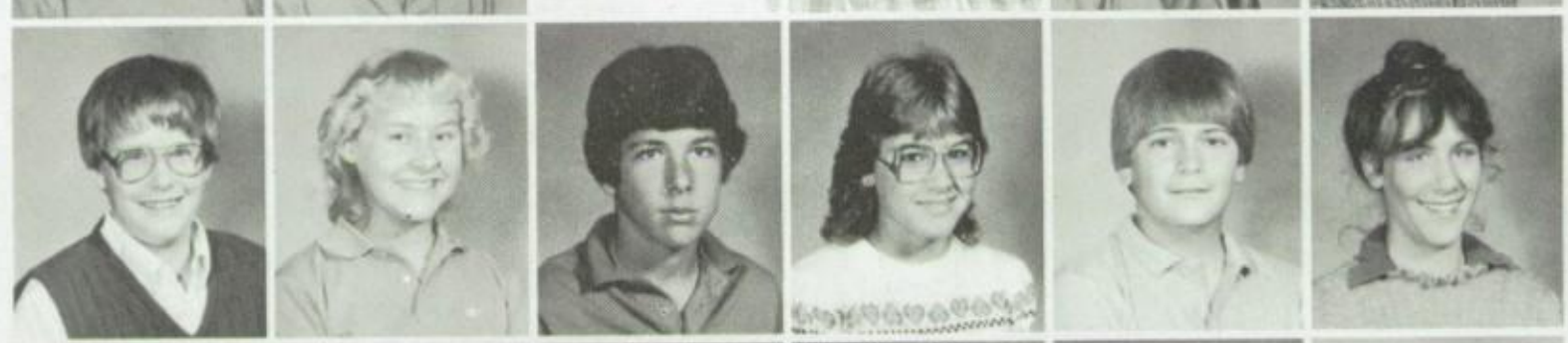

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Kevin Cook

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Christine Craine
George Cress

Cindy Crow
Anna Cunningham
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Diane Curtis
John Dalbey
Kim Davis

A new existence

Freshmen Student Council Members: **Boyd Downey, Rob Kanakis, Will Hobart, Aimee Weston, Shelly Edwards, Eric Keller, Abbey Windell, Lee Rhoades** and **Lori McMillan.**

When thinking back to the high school years, one was not likely to forget their freshmen year. Some think of it as the most critical year.

Will the seniors make fun of me? Will the teachers and administrators like me? Will I make any new friends? All of these questions and more were asked over and over in the minds of freshmen. As the year progressed, many found they had worried over nothing. Most even had fun.

They experienced many new and exciting activities which made them feel like they, too, were part of the school. There was the excitement of the first pep assembly, the thrill of the first Homecoming, the magic of the first school play, and maybe even the anticipation of the first date. All of these things will always be associated with the freshmen year.

Friends played an important part in making school life easier and more enjoyable. Freshmen found it wasn't as hard as they had expected to make friends with the upperclassmen, which was a definite advantage (or so they thought).

As the school year came to a close, freshmen faced new worries and decisions such as, will I make cheerleading, should I go out for football and, of course, what kind of car should I get?

Gordon Noah pleads with **Rob Kanakis** to escort him to football homecoming.

Kim Day
Patricia Day

Steve Dayringer
Steve Decker

Shanna Dickey
Debbie Dobbins

Becky Donoho
Marita Doolittle
Boyd Downey
Mike Dudley
Rob Duke
Donald Duncan

Shelly Edwards
Randy Emmert
Raquel England
Billy Engler
Tim Enlow
Becky Enochs

Ricky Erskin
John Fancher
Terri Fancher
Randy Farsythe
Cheryl Felker
Andy Fetterman

Melanie Fish
Michele Fleshner
David Forkner
Richard Foy
Chris Fredricks
Mike Freer

Bernie Frisbie
Lori Gallup
Julie Garrison
Jayson George
Kaylene Gerken
Teresa Gilmore

Traci Gilmore
Cheryl Gilstrap
Carrie Giltner
Karri Goddard
Mark Gooch
Jason Graham

Kelly Greer
Cindy Hammel

Evan Harmon
Kevin Hart

Carl Hatfield
Chuck Head

Enthusiastic frosh experience their first pep assembly ("Where do we sit?").

Pam Henkle
Tim Henson
Tresa Hess
Cindy Hight
Reed Hoagland
Will Hobart

Melanie Hogan
Dawn Holly
Teressa Holmes
Jonan Houpt
Stephanie Houpt
Kim Hoyer

Owen Hudson
Jeremy Ideker
Terrena Ingram
Cheryl Isley
Julie Jackson
Martin Jardon

Richard Jenkins
Debbie Johnson
Ginger Jones
Robert Jordon
Angie Keeter
Kristi Keeter

Eric Keller
Debra Kendall
Johnna Kingrey
Jack Kris
Tammy Lawson
Jim Lett

Dawn Light
Terry Looney
Penny Lovell
Dawna Lindstrum
John Marn
Christal Martin

Mike Martin
Tammy Marvin
Tom Mc Clintock
Robert Mc Guirk
Lori Mc Millan
Darrel Mead

Jody Micheal
Katie Miller
Theda Miller
Jeff Moran
Lisa Moore
Stephen Moore

Roxanne Moss
Tracy Nail
Gordon Noah
Glenda Odell
Carolyn Ogle
Jimmy Othick

Dennis Owens
Audra Palmer
Kent Parcell
Terri Jo Patton
Billy Peavler
Rocky Pliler

Bobby Phillips
Mike Phillips
Nancy Phillips
Shannon Phillips
Shawn Phillips
Rhonda Pond

Eric Ponder
Lena Porter
Stacy Porter
Jeff Ragan
Chris Ramsey
Bruce Redding

Michelle Reed
Lee Rhoades
Greg Riddle
David Robinson
Renne Roat
Tammy Russel

Stacy Porter becomes very excited when eating a school lunch.

Doug Sandrin
John Savllo
Cherre Schrader
True Scharder
Shelly Scroggins
Gary Sharp

Greg Shaw
Tammie Sidenstricker
Mark Simon
Lisa Simpson
Barbie Spencer
Irvine Stuart

Kelly Stratton
Shawn Sweeney

Joe Shoemake
Stacy Stehens

Ricky Stewart
Jeff Sweet

Melissa Swindle
Ann Tappana

Phillip Taylor
Walter Thomas

To compensate for the upperclassmen privilege of cutting lunch, Freshmen could have Dominoe's deliver them a pizza.

Holly Tope
David Tucker
Christie Turnbow
Deanne Turner
Michelle Turner
Michelle Waggoner

Jennifer Warden
Aimee Weston
Jack Whatts
Sondra Whitman
Steven Willey
Jennifer Wilson

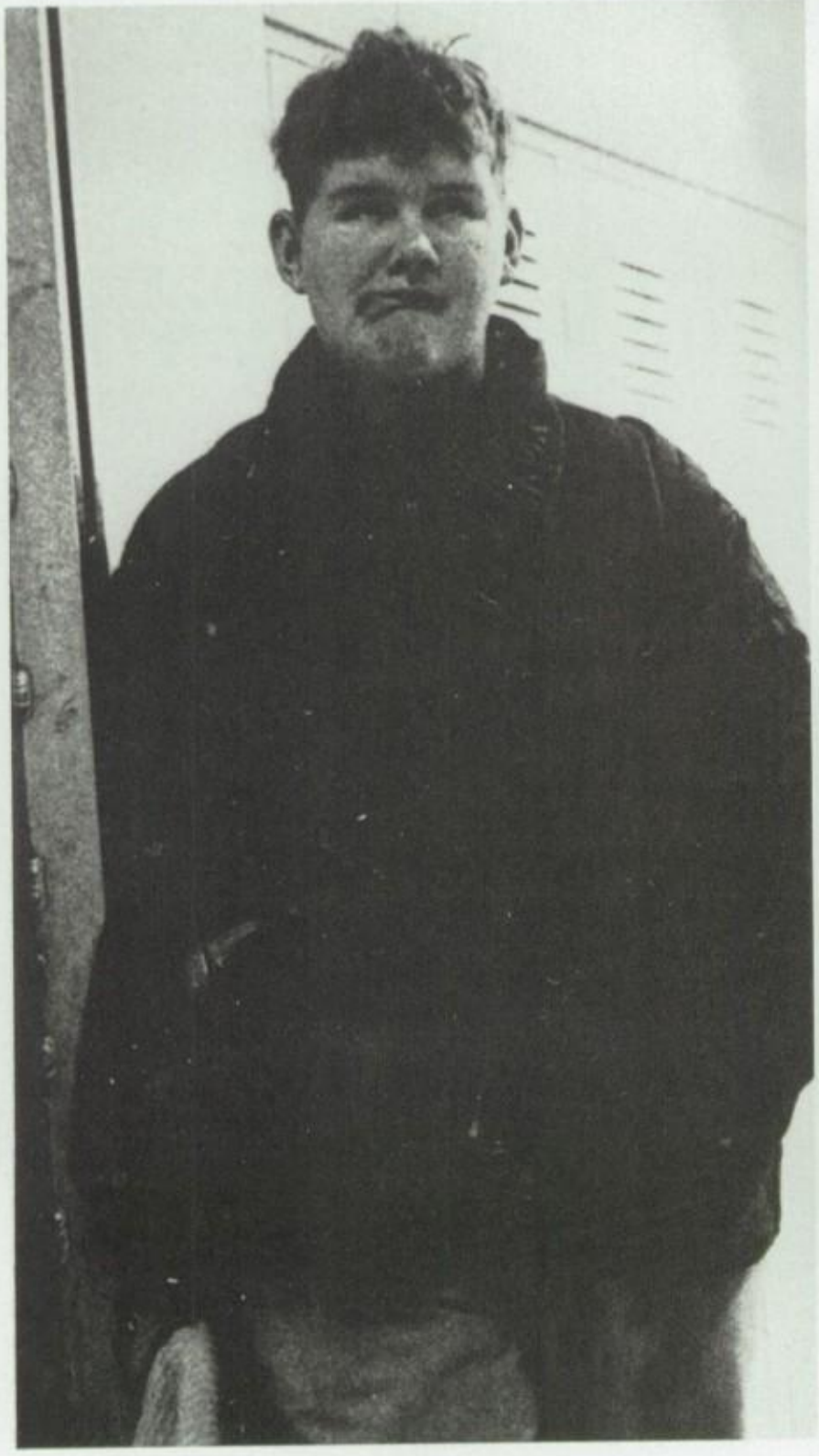
Chip Wright
James Wade
Matt Wagner
Jack Watts
Bill Wells
Angie Whited

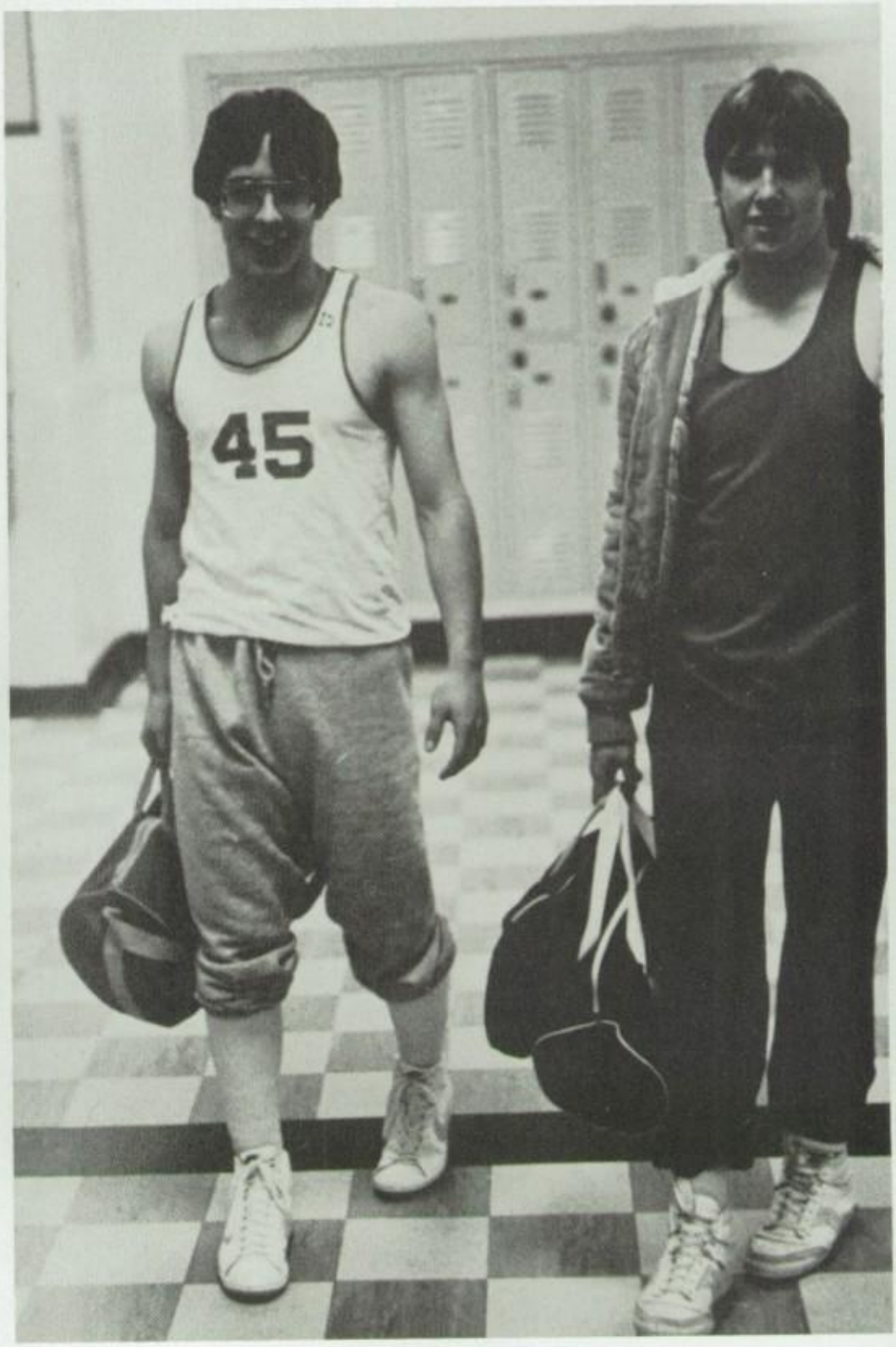
Danny Wilkerson
Cory Williams
Jeff Wilson
John Wimberley
Abbey Windle
Jackie Wright

Kurt Wolfe
Sarita Wood
Barbara Yance
Chad Yates
Heather Yeager
Eric Zenter

Freshmen show great interest in **Mr. Diamond's** L.A.I lecture.

Freshmen!





Bill Blunk shows the effects of another hectic school day.

Gordan Noah and **Boyd Downey** prepare for frosh basketball practice.

Almee Weston does some last minute cramming.

Abbey Windle tries to explain to **Mrs. Morrow** why she missed 2nd hour.

Senior **Andy McGriff** shows frosh **Butch Ackerson** the peril one must face when failing to salute a senior.

Eric Keller and **Chip Wright** prove the theory that maturity is not a freshmen trait.

Mike Martin talks with his mouth full.

Holly Tope is all smiles after speaking with **Dr. Warren.**

Dianea Alley
Amy Allgood
Mike Allgood
Susan Anderson
Deanna Ashby
Michele Bailey

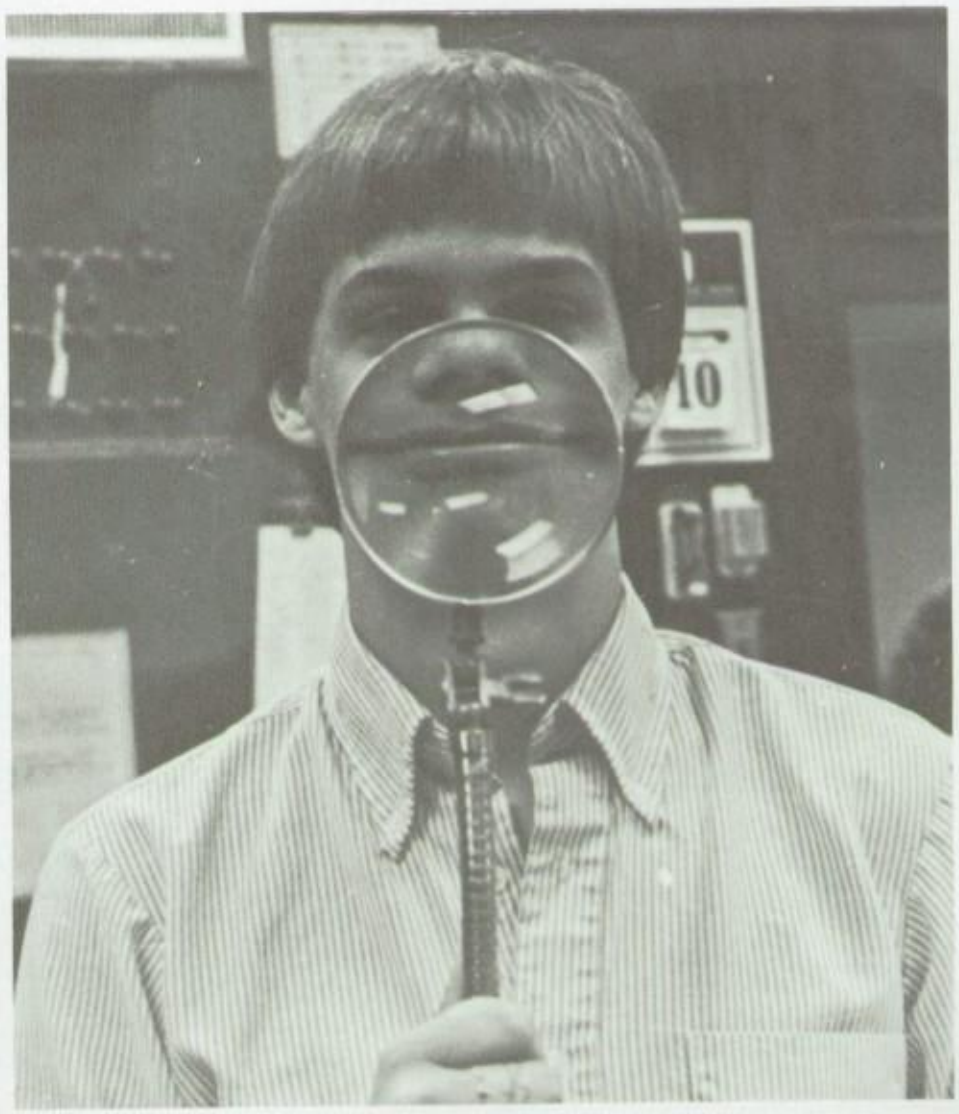
Carmen Baine
Gayle Baker
Tanya Barkley
Kim Bartlett
Bill Barnard
Jeff Barnes

Rusty Barnes
Cathi Bass
Dawndy Baum
Nanci Bazzano
Brent Bearden
Brian Berkstressor

A future at Joplin senior high

The sophomore year was looked at differently from each student. For some it meant that you were of age to go down and take that frightening driving test, which gave you a feeling of freedom being able to go on that important Friday night date without your parents having to drive you everywhere. Others felt that it was just another year and another step in life. Moving up from being called a "frosh" all year also felt good. It also meant more responsibilities and homework. Now realizing all the activities and opportunities only brought out curiosity to become involved and having to realize the limit was a bit difficult at times.

The two most important years of life are now behind. Each individual has within him, tucked away in memory his own feeling of the second year at Memorial. With these feelings comes the excitment of the next two years which lie ahead.



David Harder lives up to his reputation of having a big mouth.

Sophomore Student Council: **Nanci Bazzano, Shelly Summers, Tanya Barkley, Ingrid Reeves, Danna Woolever, Harold Weston, Darin Hertzberg,** and **Kevin Seward.**

Misty Bernette
Michelle Bilodeau
Ann Birk
Darren Bishop
Terry Boaz
Richard Boyer

Patty Bradley
Valerie Bradley
Kirby Branch
Kerri Brown
Mike Brown
Laura Bruey

Steve Buerge
Misty Burnett
Shanna Butz
Ronnie Callis
Patricia Campbell
Kelly Cannon

Debbie Carey
Melissa Carlisle
Carol Caylon
Troy Clapp
Kathy Cachran
Melodee Colbert

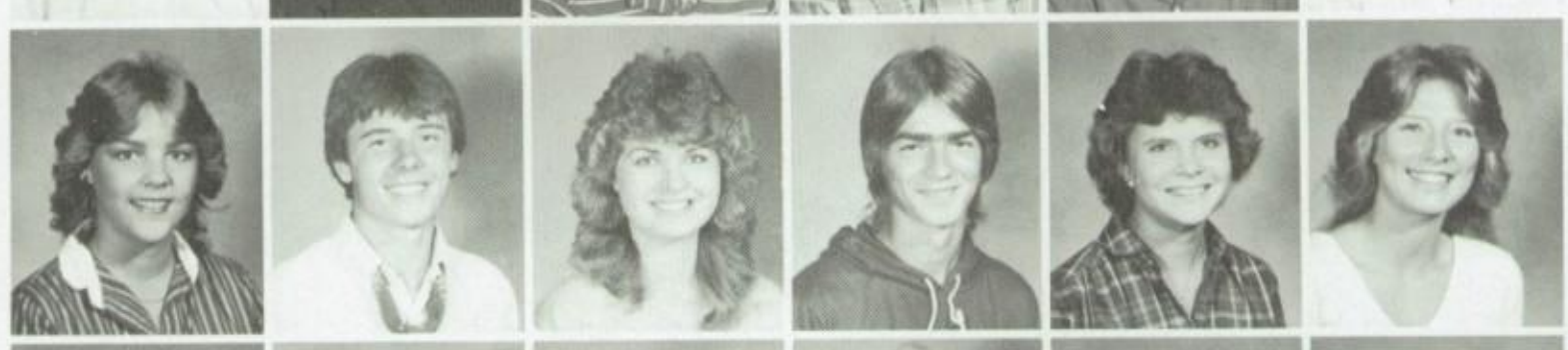
Deanne Ashby takes time out to stretch from class.
Nice smile **Bill Elliot.**

Earl Cox
Sandi Crain
Rachel Crowl
Jim Crum
Leslie Daniels
Dave Dorman

Jamie Douglas
Jade Downey
Sara Edge
Mark Edmonson
Mary Eichelberger
Bill Elliot

Diane Elliot
David Endicott
Tana England
Holly Enlow
Eric Enos
Eric Epperson

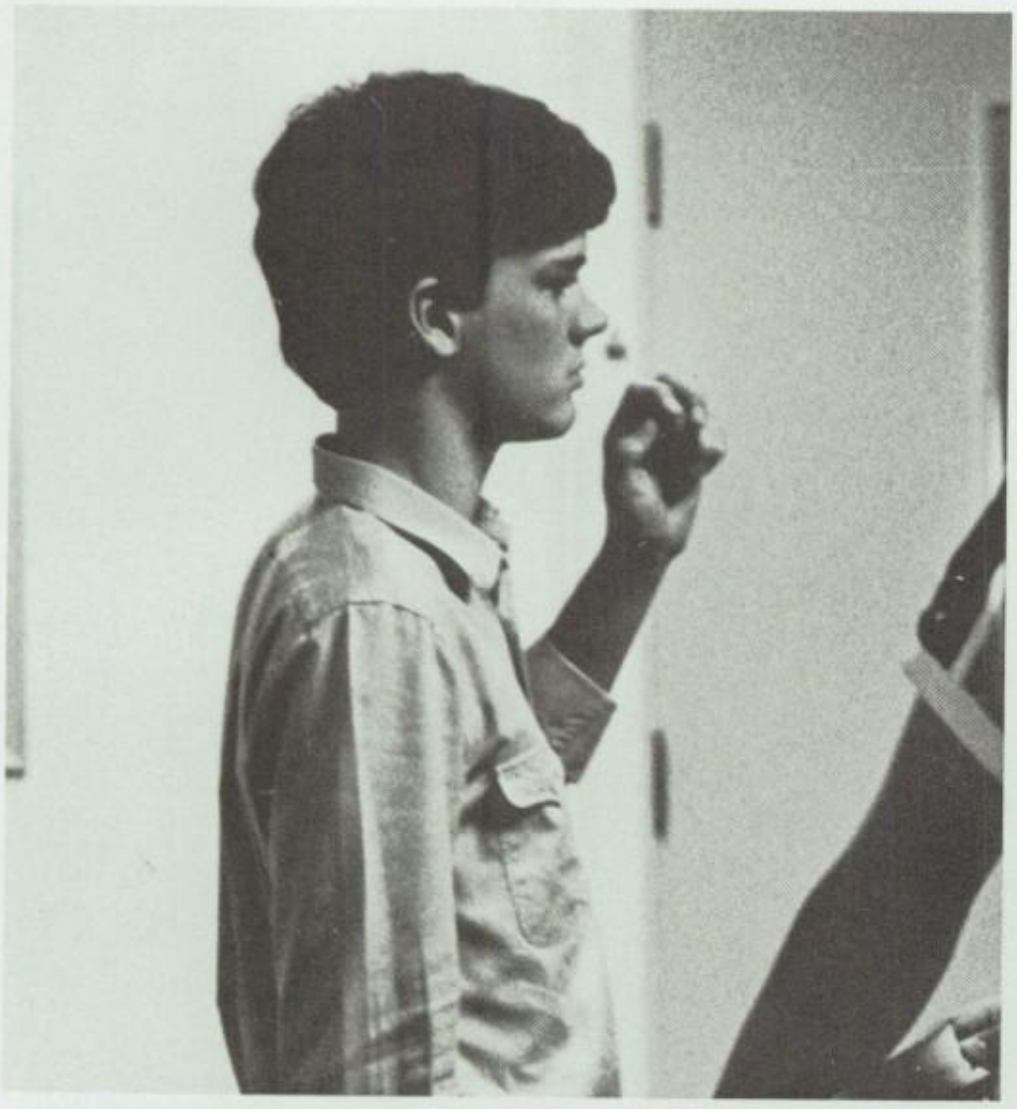
Jeannie Evans
John Farmer
Yvette Farney
James Faul
Jennifer Ferro
Nickie Flesner



Sonia French
Pam Gamble
Joe Gardner
John Goswick
Kelly Glassford
Ashley Glover

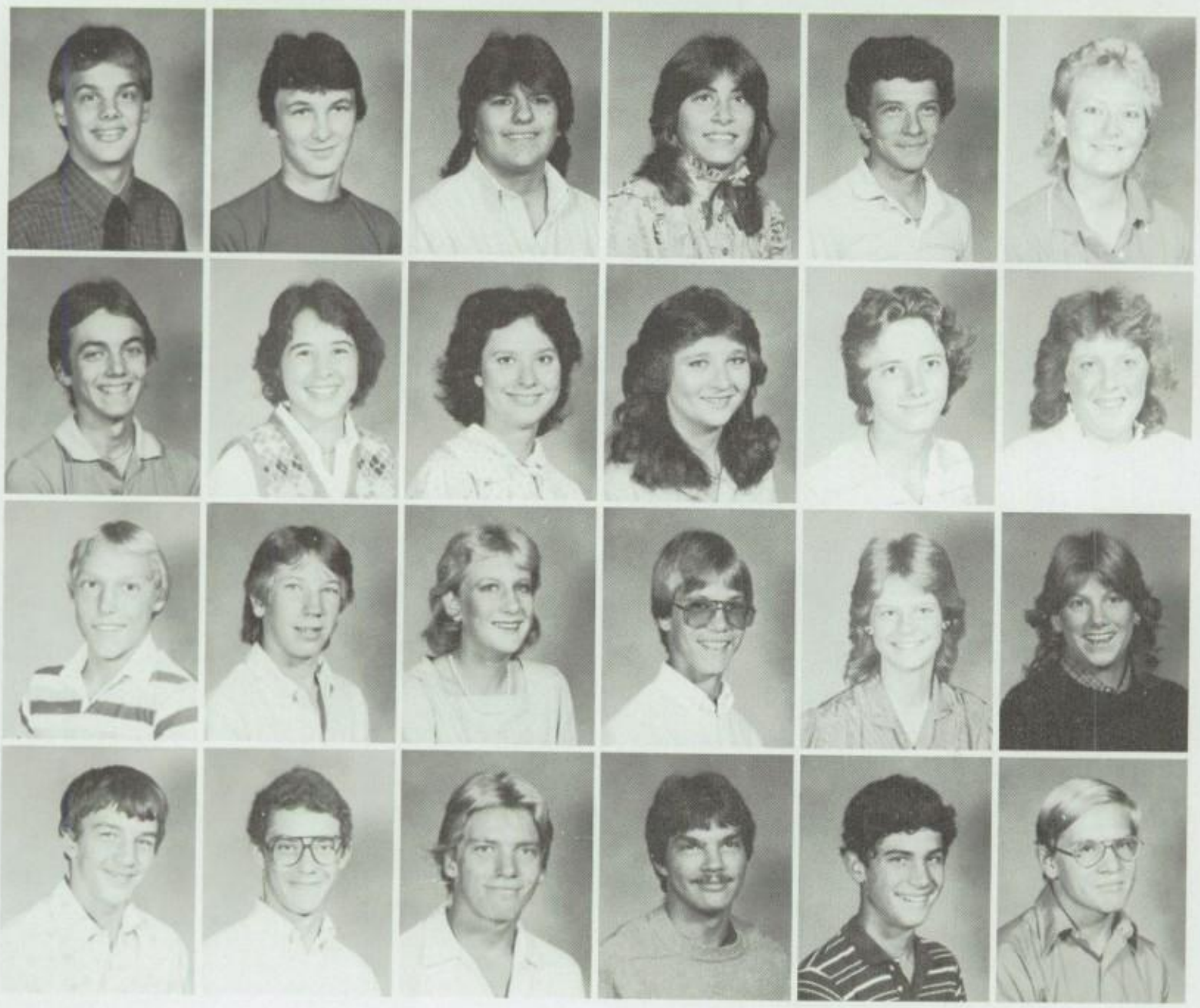
Jeff Graham
Jim Graham
Kelly Graham
Stella Grayson
Angie Greenlee
Angela Grissom

Latrisha Gunn
Tammy Hackleman
John Hackman
Tracy Harbaugh
Karri Hail
Marianna Hardee



Kevin Seward waits studiously for class to start.

"There is still five minutes left in class," replied **Nanci Bazzano.**



David Harder
Johnny Harmon
Susan Harris
Cindy Hass
Mike Haynes
Tracy Heath

David Heflin
Rhonda Hembree
Dorothy Hennessy
Theresa Hennessy
Willy Henson
Kim Henzler

Darin Hertzberg
Bryan Hilton
Kim Hoag
David Howard
Marsha Howerton
Claudia Huff

Neal Huggins
Shannon Huggins
Jeff Jennings
Kevin Jones
Scott Jones
Timothy Jones

Sophomore cheerleaders like **Tanya Barkley** helped boost Eagle spirit by making posters in the school after school hours.

Robert Kearney

Gina King

Steven King

Missy Kirk

Scott Kirk
John Kuehn
Beth Landis
David Lea
Gene Lesh
Beth Lewis

David Long
Tammy Mariott
Loretta Martin
Carol Mayfield
Julie McGrew
Donald McKeehan

J. R. McNee
Gary McVay
Todd Meinhardt
Todd Messer
Eric Miller
Tim Millman

Shannon Montgomery
Mark Mooreland
Jerry Mosbey
Brenda Munch
Jeanne Nicholls
Pam Nolan

Steve Ogden
Amy Oldham
Sarah Palmer
Kelly Packard
Brenda Painter
Larry Pamler

Gail Parra
Jeanie Patton
Brian Petty
Karen Pelton
Christie Perkins
Noel Perry

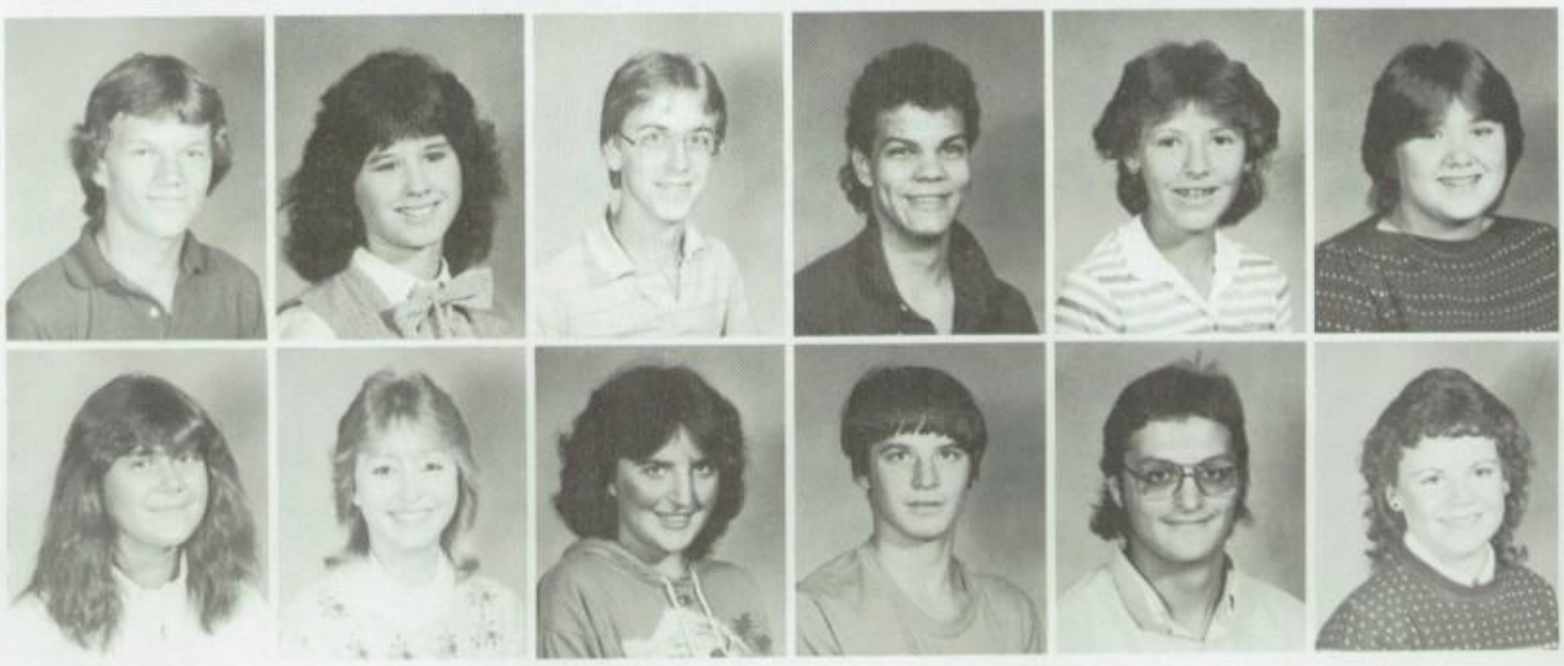
Christina Phillips
Sherri Plier
Melinda Pliler
Mickey Price
John Pritchard
Regina Randall

Sophomores, **Missy Weisbrod, Dana Woolever** and **Debbie Carey** stand in the halls and talk instead of going to class.

Ingrid Reaves
Rebecca Rivette
Dennis Robbins
Phillip Robinson
Eddie Riot
Steve Rossbach

Candice Russell
Melissa Russell
Wesley Scoles
Kerry Scott
Debbie Sears
Kevin Seward

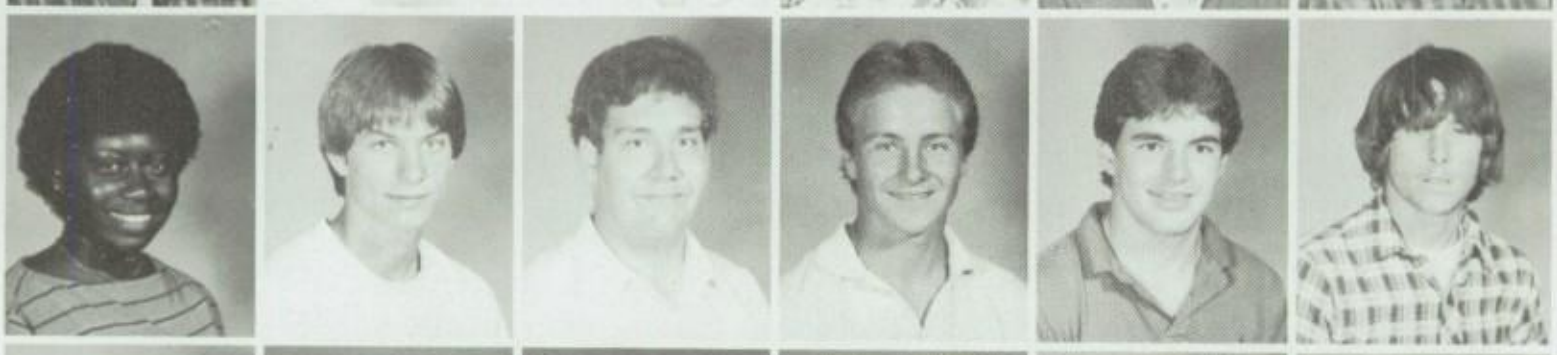
Claudia Huff sports a new hair style. Really, uh, nice **Claudia.**



John Sherrick
Dorothy Shipley
Craig Shryrock
Carter Simmons
Debbie Smallwood
Carrie Smith

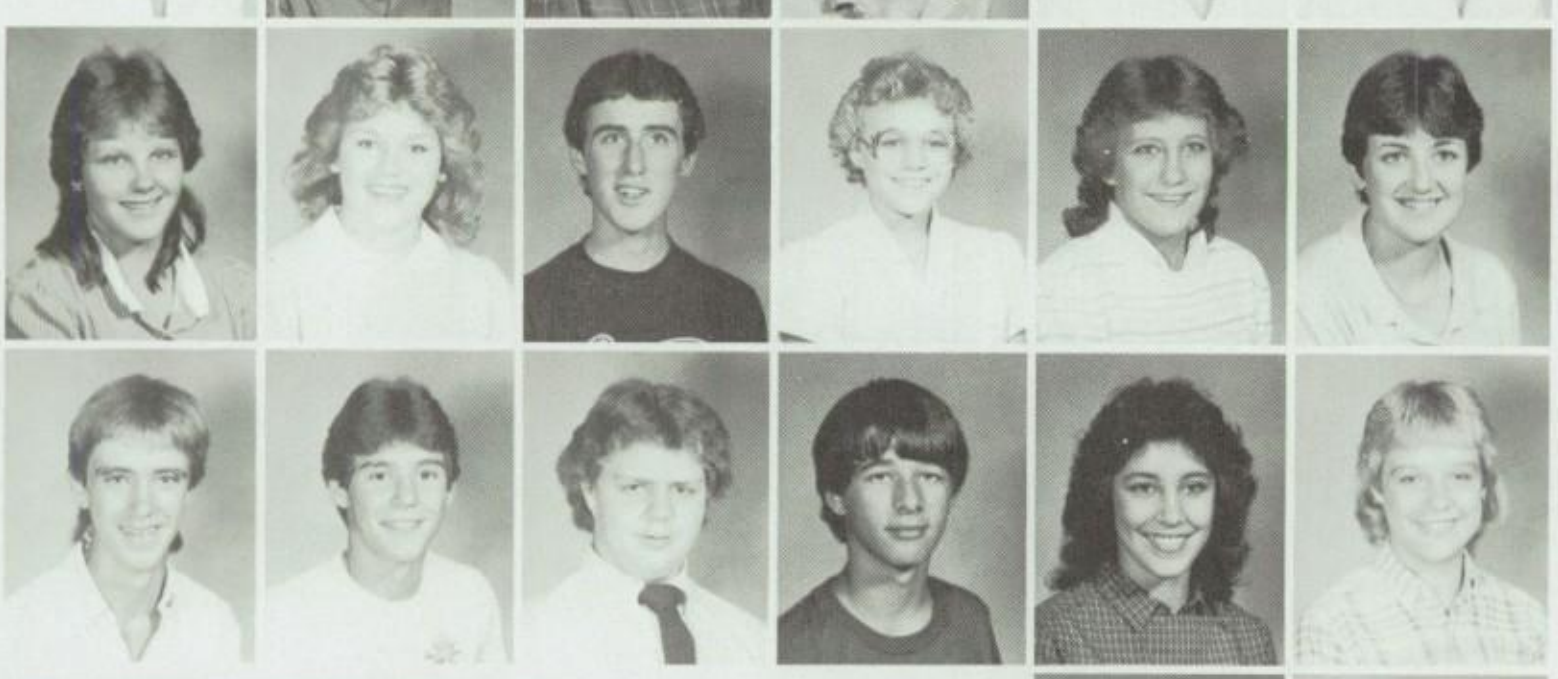
Elizabeth Smith
Janice Smith
Tina Smith
Toby Smith
Joe Sneed
Dana Snyder

Brian Speer
Judy Sprague
Sue Stephens
Gene Stephens
Bret Sterley
Chris Still



Yvonne Swindell
Thomas Taffner
Doug Tanner
David Tripp
Jeff Turner
Rocky Turner

Mike Stout
Steve Strait
Tammy Stuart
Ben Studyvin
Shelly Summers
Trina Sweet



Tammie Wade
Missy Weisbrod
Harold Weston
Andra White
Kathleen Whitney
Diane White

Robbie Wier
Bo Wilson
Norman Wininger
Michael Wolfe
Lori Wood
Danna Woolever

Sophomore **Kelly Packard** sits at the lunch table and explains how she feels about school food.

Mike Wright
Don Wright

Brian Weullner
Brian Wyrick

Craig Yates

Shelley Ackerson
Kathy Allen
Penny Allen
Carol Allison
Kevin Babitt
Shari Barnes

Gina Bazzano
Shelly Bellamy
Brad Benefiel
Jason Blank
Nick Blizzard
Kim Bopp

Kurt Brown
Pete Box
Karen Boyd
Nita Briley
Dennis Brisco
Jim Brock

Tony Bryan
Aaron Bunch
George Campbell
Alecia Cartright
Jamie Clark
Debra Clopton

Lisa Colbert
Jim Collins
Sean Collins
Wayne Cooper
David Copeland
Eric Cottrell

Wade Courtney
Sharon Cox
Lee Ann Crow
Lori Cupp
Jim Curtis
Debbie Daniels

Paulette Daniels
Scott DeNeen
Sharrock Dermott
Glenn Dikeman
Melisa Doolittle
Dana Dry

Juniors ... Encounter new pressures

How can anyone forget the first day of school? You get your schedule and almost fall over ... "Oh no! I have **Mrs. Goade** and **Wildman!**" Yet, as the year went on, one realized all of those essays and worksheets were to help. All of that work taught patience and responsibility, and we owed a lot to our teachers.

The best thing about your junior year was that your parents may have decided you were responsible enough to have the car on Friday night. Driving to all of the games and even homecomings was something new.

Sophomores and freshmen looked forward to their junior year, just as seniors looked back on the years. **Kathy Crandall,** sophomore, looked forward to her junior year because, "I think being at Memorial during its last year as a high school will be something I'll never forget." **Jodi White,** senior thought her junior year could have been more fullfilling if, "I would have worked harder and set myself more goals."

During your junior year many students faced the hardest schedules they had ever experienced. College preparation language arts, chemistry, algebra II, computer science, and trigonometry to name a few of those wonderful classes.

Not only did juniors have the hardest schedules of their high school life, but many had jobs. Working after school and on weekends made keeping grades up and social life very difficult. But many students found the time they needed for their junior year to be just as they wanted.

For the first time many students were able to drive to school and leave campus for lunch. Unfortunately, the administrators and teachers had eagle eyes and often for the next three days, juniors, for the first time, found themselves in I.S.D.

Jr./Sr. Prom Committee was only open to eleventh graders. Planning prom had many responsibilities, such as finding a band, a location, and deciding upon a theme. Juniors worked hard on the '84 prom and they deserved a congratulations for a job well done.

Along with the pressures of taking college prep classes and jobs, many juniors had to face pre-college examination tests such as the PSAT, ACT, and SAT.

The junior year was a super one if you really got into. There were new freedoms, setting goals, and plans for the future. It was nothing like anyone ever expected, it was better. Yes, your junior year was great.

Junior student council members were **Liza Lewis, Patricia Stewart, Kim Parker, Jill Markman, Pete Box, Wendy Wright, Michele Wolfe, and Robin Reed.**

Roger Price gives the camera a smile, as he prepares for a test.

Eric Roach demonstrates the correct way to eat school food.

Barbi Duke
Nancy Du Vall
Sam Eakins
Mike Eggensberger
Chris Ellison
Les Enlow

Quentyn Ensor
Cynthia Evans
Kevin Farmer
Stephanie Fish
Debbie Fisher
Marcella Fitzjarrell

Melody Forkner
Stephen Fredicks
Ricky Fredrickson
Karen Freeman
Matt Funderburk
Kasaundra Gant

Mike George
Marty Goade
Christy Gossard
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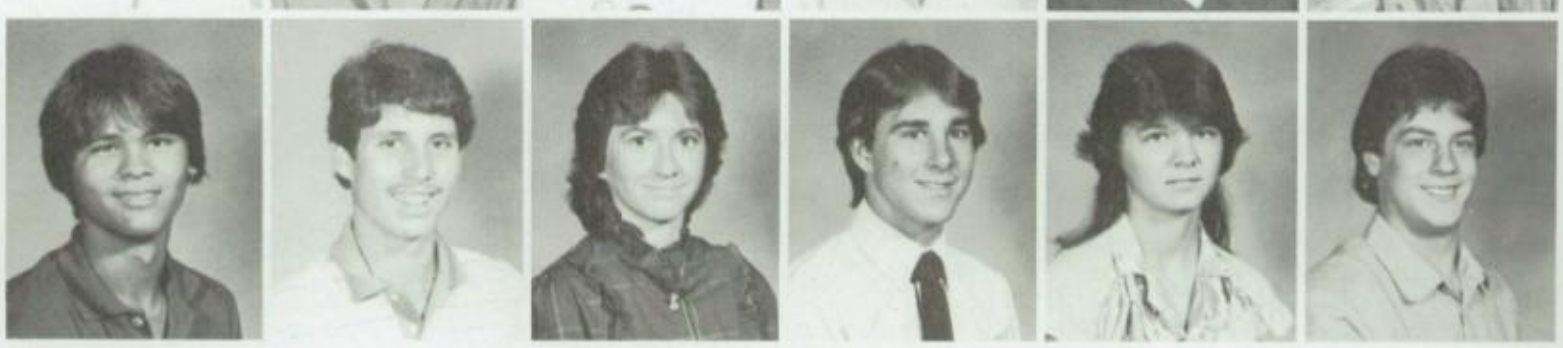
Diana Green
Richard Green



Kyle Steele wonders what is going on.

Cris Greenwood
Kendall Greer
Melissa Grimes
Jerry Griner
John Groom
Kim Grunden

Miguel Guillen
Donald Gurley
Larry Gurley
Tina Hagemeir
Kevin Hale
Tom Hamilton

Carita Harmon
Richard Hatfield
Fawn Hawkins
Robert Hawkins
Robert Hembree
Mike Henningen

Brian Henson
John Henson
Shanna Hight
Mike Hogan
Lisa Holly
Susan Howard

Michelle Howerton
Bill Hudson

Shannon Huggins
Shane Hurst

Robert Hussong
Eric Hutchison

Teresa Hutchison
Terrell Ingram

Lynn Isley
Shelly Jacobs

Mike Hogan makes a point during class.

Terri Jacobson
Jay Charles
David Johnson
Dottie Johnson
Rochelle Johnson
Tracy Ketron

Brent Knight
Debbie Kraft
Andy Laas
David La Mothe
Shari Leach
Tim Lemmons

Kim Letts
Judy Lewis
Liza Lewis
Robert Lewis
Wendy Linebaugh
Danny Logan

Jill Markman
Bryan Martin
Sandy Martin
Teresa Martin
Lea Ann Massey
Eva Mc Gann

Greg Meyers
Rhonda Meyers
Stephany Meyers
Kim Morrow
Jerry Moss
Billie Nothnagel

Melissa Grimes and **Fawn Hawkins** get excited about P.E.

Richard Oliver
Dale Owens
Traci Palmer
Chris Parker
Kim Parker
Tammy Parrish

Steve Pearish
Cindy Pelt

"Greetings Earthling" from **Scott DeNeen.**

Laura Potts
Roger Price

Janey Prince
Donna Porter

Sandra Ratliff
Robin Reed

Darryl Reynolds
Eric Roach

Carol Roberts
Marques Rodgers
Landyn Roush
Tina Rush
Tammy Russell
Tony Sadler

Brenda Schrader
Bryan Shank
Cheryl Sharp
Jackie Smith
Kenny Show
Joy Shannon

Linda Shearer
Marc Smallwood
Rebecca Smart
Jill Smith
Jim Sneed
Barbara Spencer

Kyle Steele
Patti Steere
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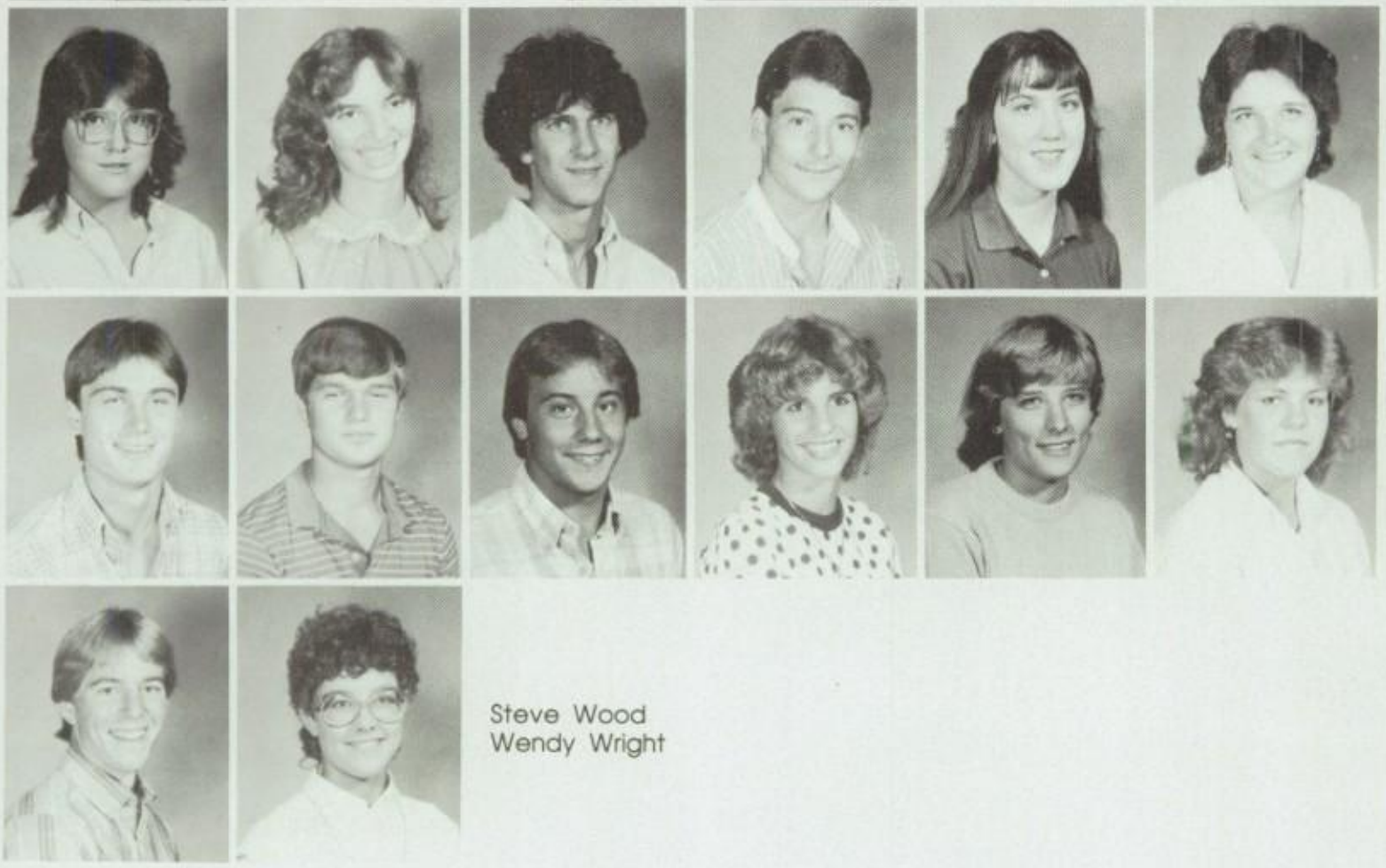

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Rebecca Vest
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Sam Ware
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Ronnie Weston
Marvin White
Philip Willcoxon
Cindy Williams
Michele Wolfe
Denise Womble

Steve Wood
Wendy Wright

On top of the world

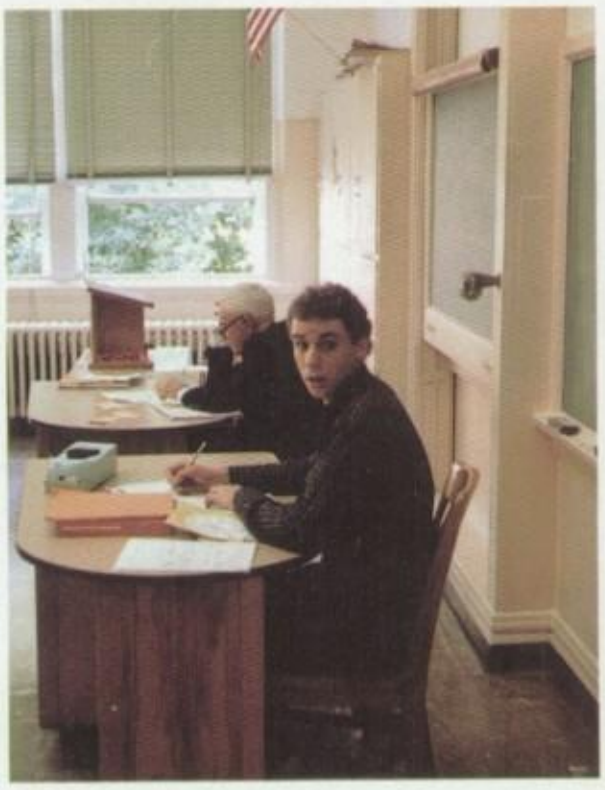
Being a senior was not always the easiest thing in the world to be. There was a countless number of responsibilities thrust upon each graduating student.

At one time in the past, there had been a distant exciting thought of a senior life which held many joys, much laughter and good times. The senior year was thought of as a time when one could be on the top of the world. All of the other seniors observed in the past seemed to have boundless confidence and knew exactly what was going on at all times. But when the distant thought of being a senior wasn't distant anymore, and one was actually a senior, it was shocking. Each graduating student began to realize that he or she would soon be thrust out into a whole new world and atmosphere. Everyone wanted to grasp hold of the fun and security high school offered that they had never noticed before.

What everyone expected their senior year to be, it was not. It held many joys, laughter, tears, and good times, but there was always a tension in the back of everyone's mind. Each senior would soon be out in a totally different atmosphere and must start all over again. With all the tension, most seniors began to make the most of their last year of high school and make the most of themselves as individuals before they had to walk out the doors of Memorial High School and achieve their goals in life.

Senior enthusiam, as always, prevailed throughout the year and led the students in Eagle Spirit. "Seniors 84, No. 1!"

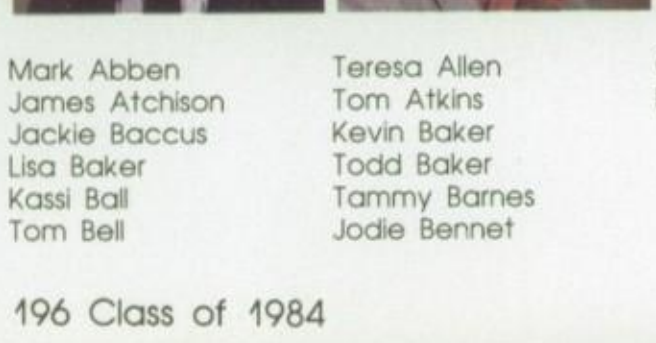
Our Alma Mater.



Mark Potts and **Chuck Carlisle** show their enthusiasm for school lunches.

Getting to be a teacher's aide was a big advantage of being a Senior as shown by **Mark Keeling.**

Doug Fisher shows his embarrassment after being sent to ISD for skipping lunch.



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Lisa Baker
Kassi Ball
Tom Bell

Teresa Allen
Tom Atkins
Kevin Baker
Todd Baker
Tammy Barnes
Jodie Bennet

Cheryl Barringer
Peter Birk

Becky Bass
Ronnie Bishop

Robin Baum
Mark Blackburn

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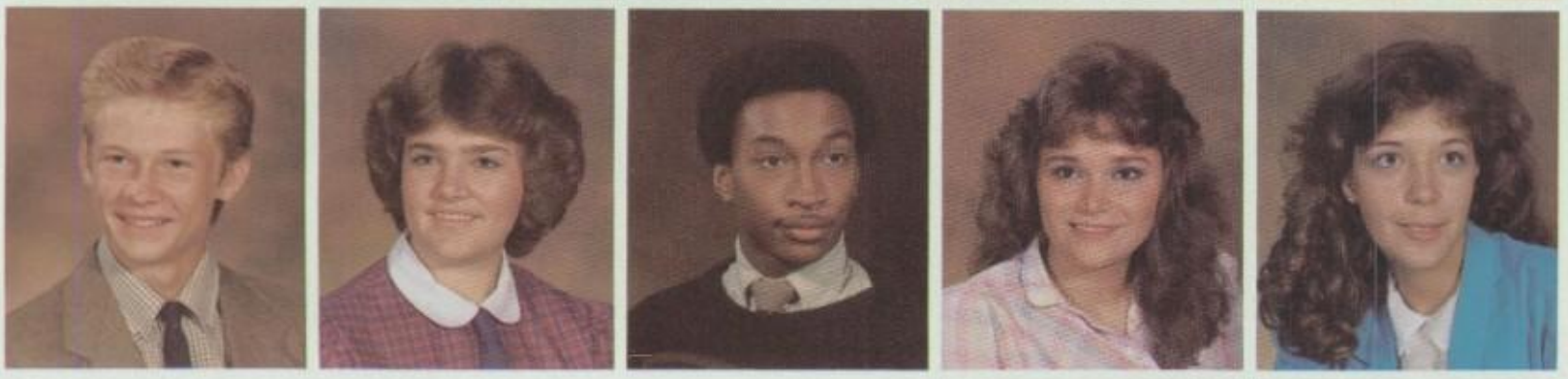

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Wallace Carr
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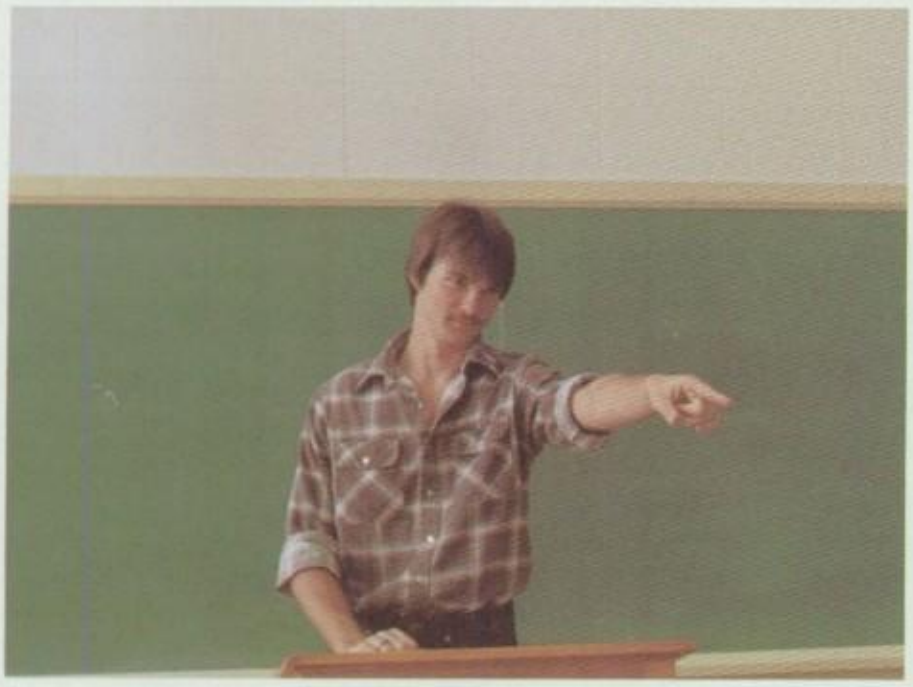
Tami Charron

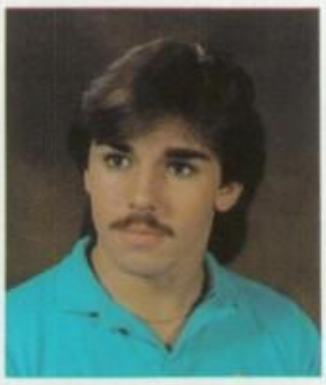
Richard Clemmons
Eric Colbert



Mike Roughton does his famous impression of **Coach Reed** and tells a student to get to work, or else!

Kathy Watson, a new student, enjoyed her Senior year at Memorial.

Devin Kline takes a quick nap during his lunch hour before having to face the rest of his classes.



Seniors **Scott Livingston, Mark Williams, Gary Rhoades, Jim Kendall,** and **Todd Good** demonstrate their rendition of the Adams Family.

Jay Cooper
Charles Cruzan
Terri Davis
Robin Doerge
Tom Edge
Sandra Farmer

Tracy Cope
Danny Felker

Carl Cottrell
Doug Fisher

Rockford Cox
Sharon Fletcher

Everette Crane
Patty Daffern
Charlotte Destefano
Bryan Downey
Anita Epperson
Jim Fort

Chuck Gammill
Rob Gardner
Todd Good
James Gray
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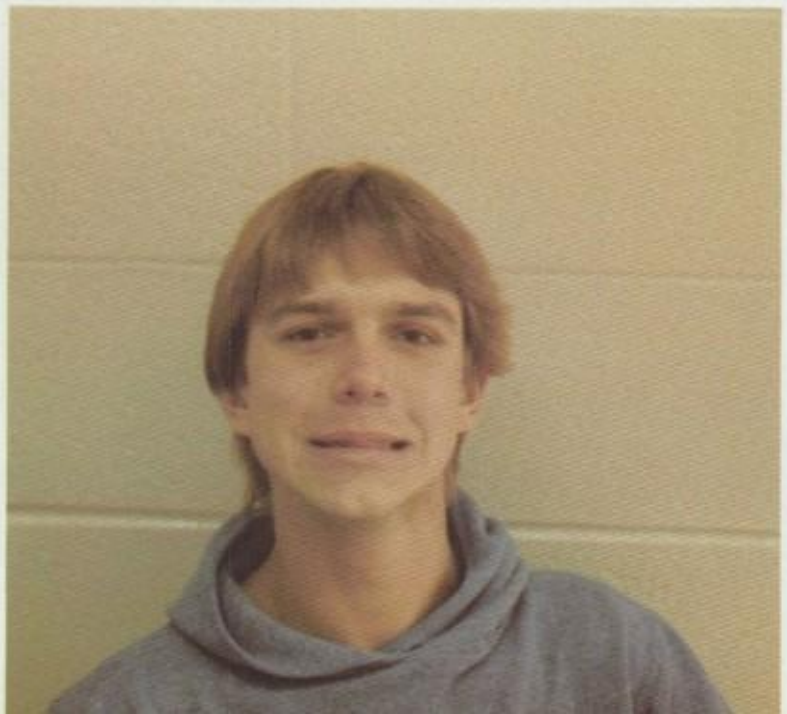
Traci Hertzberg

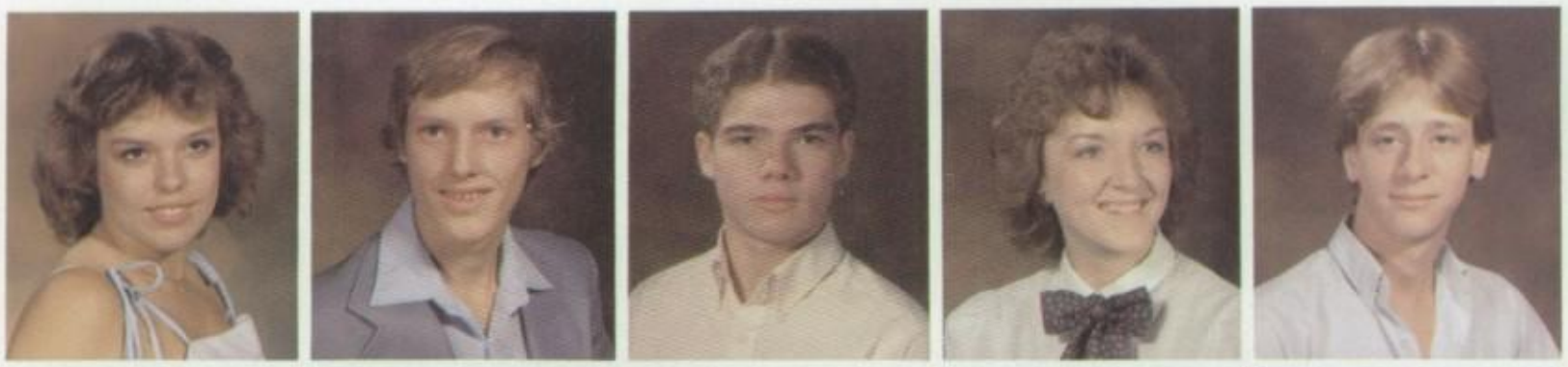


Brooke Campbell, Kim Lesh, and **Kelli Vickers** refer back to their childhood days when becoming a senior was only a dream.

Jackie Baccus was an important asset to Talon in that she was the head of the Ad staff which did a great job in raising money.

Todd Good was known for his many talents but the best one was his famous "Chicken Face".

Carol Hesterlee
John Hicks
Robert Hilton
Linda Holder
Robert Howerton



Tim Hudson
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Lee Hunt
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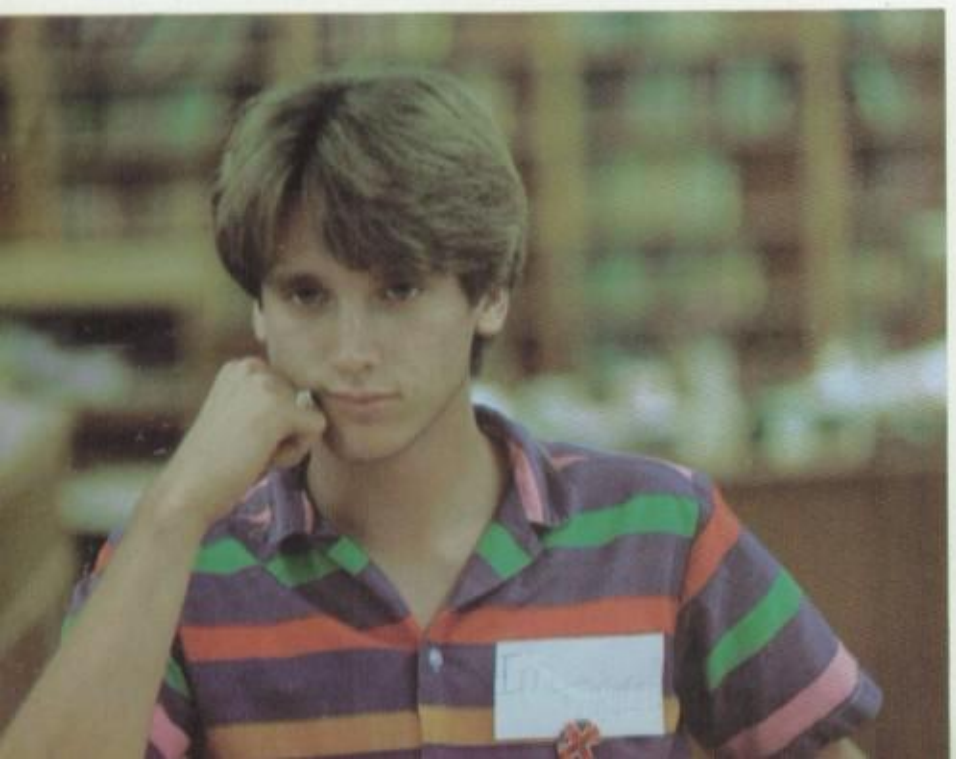
Darin Jackson

Suman Jaswal
Carla Jennings
Sandra Johns

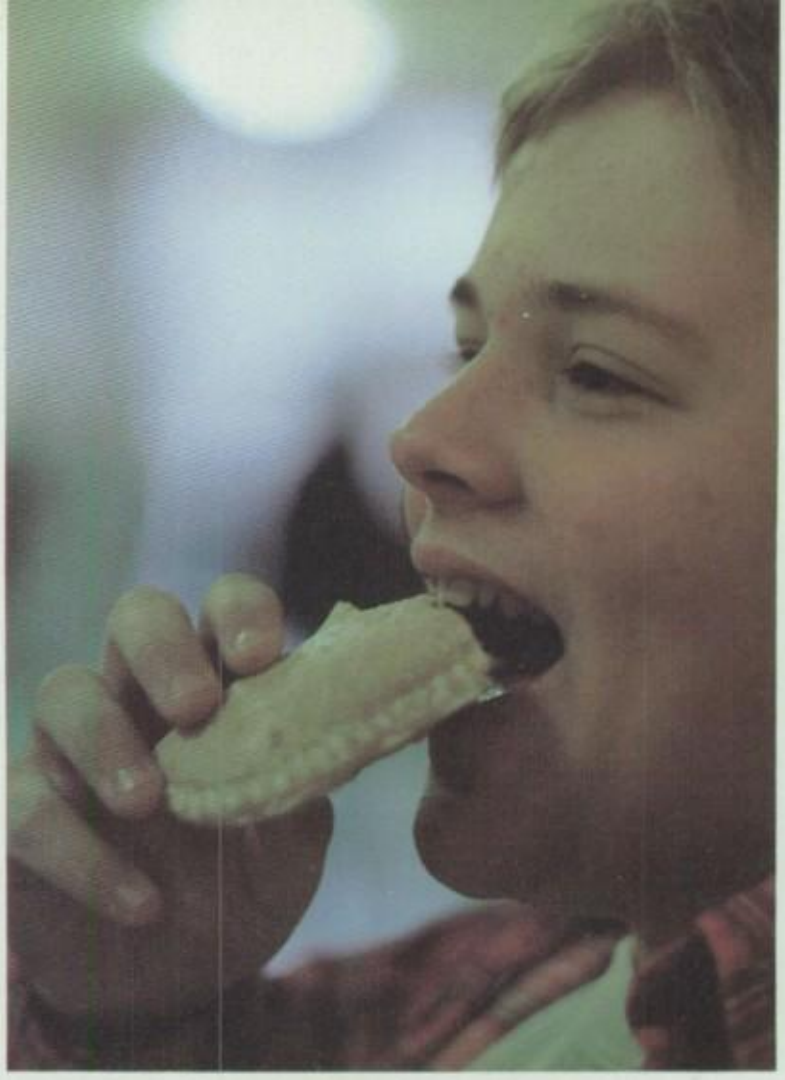


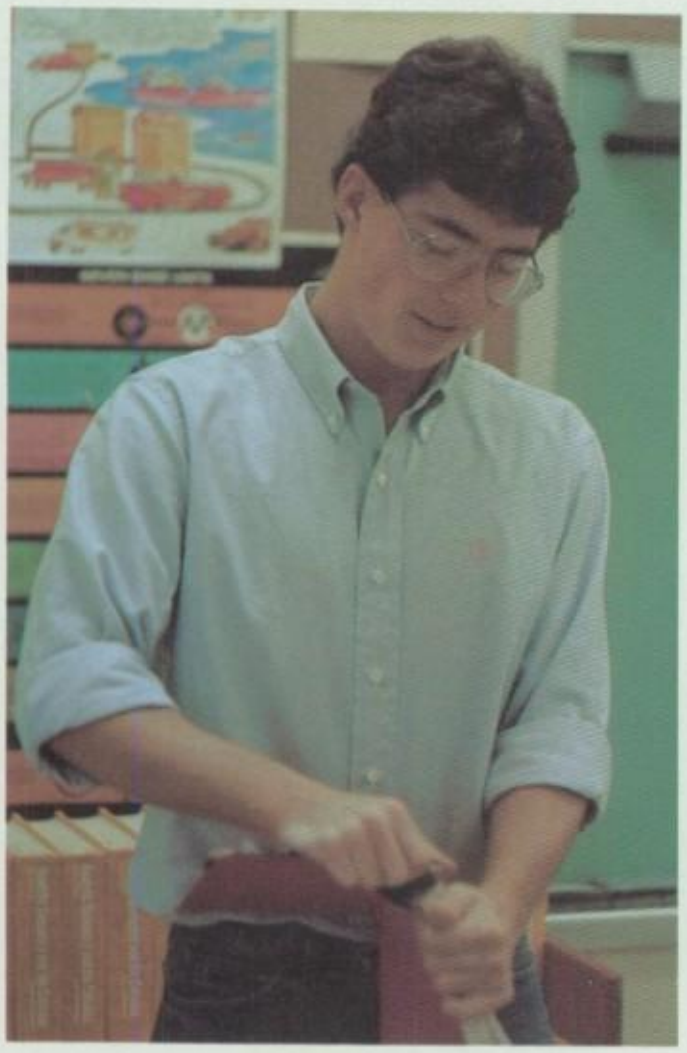
Nathan Tate, Debbie Love, Kim Nading, and **Ruth Miller** are glad they finally get to sit on the Senior Bench.

Jimmy Kendall shows that even Seniors get lost at Memorial.

Danny Felker shows how thrilled he is to work in the Library.

Bugs Reeves contemplates getting a haircut.





Twyla Lewis and **Sandra Johns** show that good friends are essential to having fun in high school.

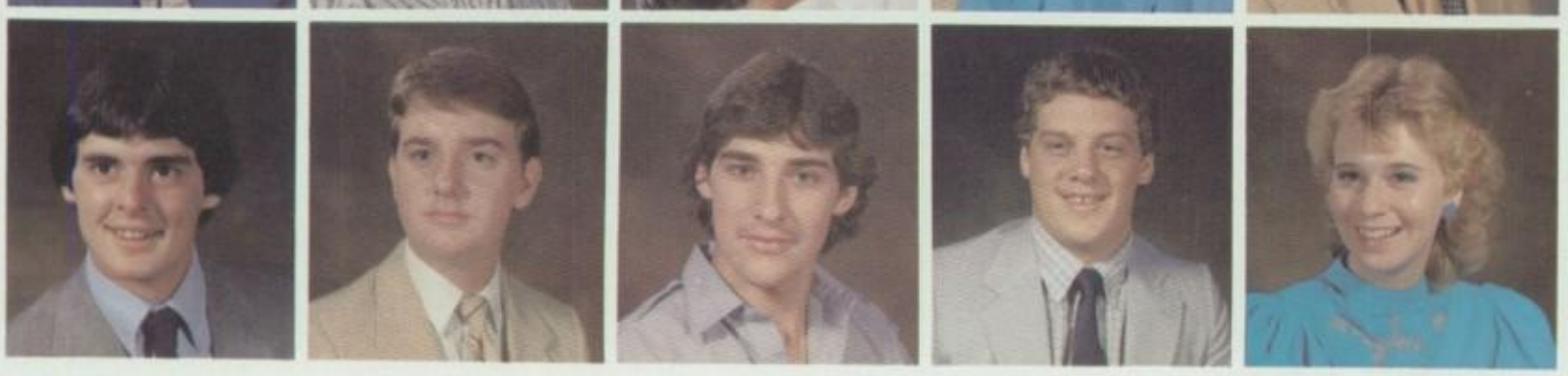
Andy McGriff enjoys one of his favorite pastimes.

Carl Cottrell, better known as **Clark Kent,** uses his superhuman strength to rid the world of all Trig books.

Cameron Mueller, alias Incredo Man, fights for justice, the American Way and freedom from all freshmen.

Tommy Bell looks in disbelief when he hears his test score.

Leigh Johnson
Brian Jordan
Lisa Joseph
Lisa Kearney
Mark Keeling



Jim Kendall
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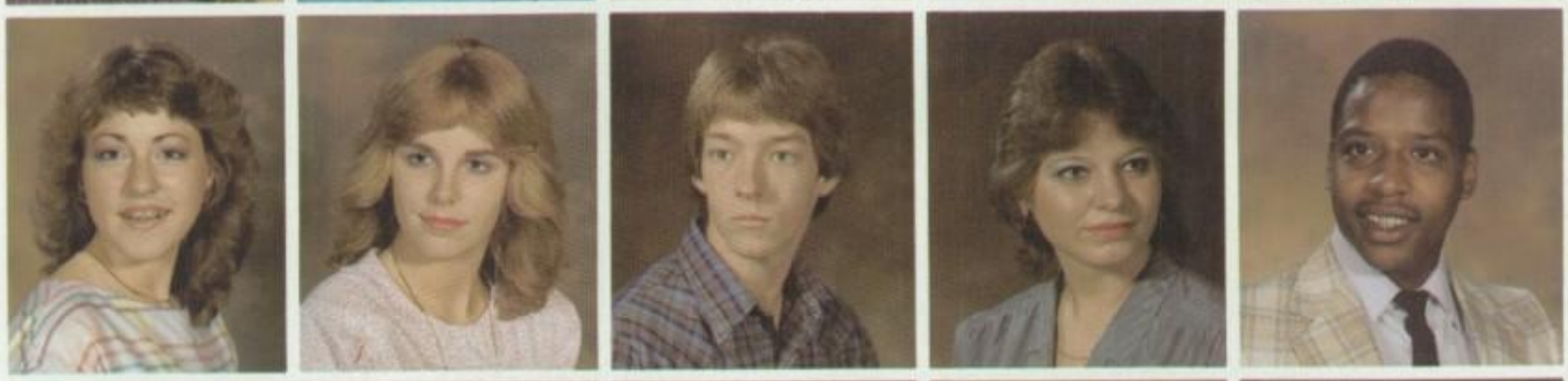

Heather Long
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Albert McGee

Andy McGriff
Tim McMaster
Danny Martin
Sinna Medley
Troy Messer

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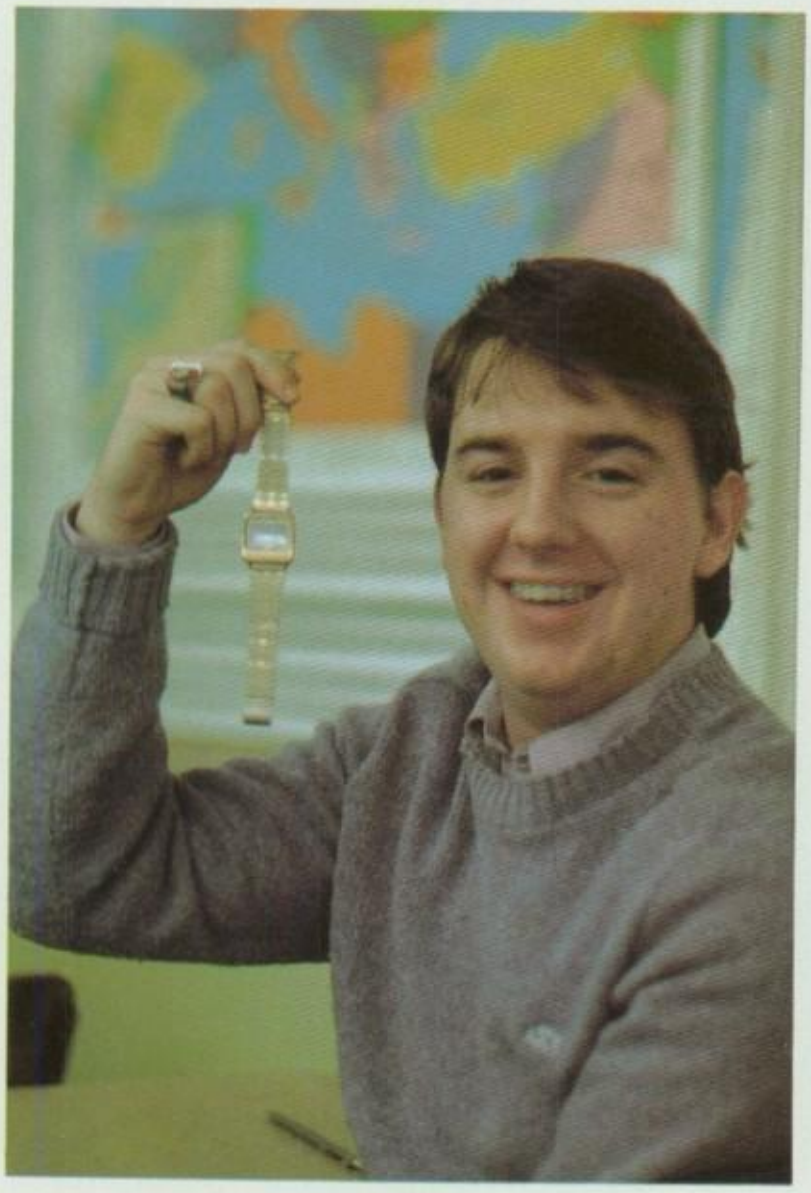
Troy Morey
Dennis Morris

Cliff Nell enjoyed the chance to work in the office.

Michelle Miller and **Tina Tatum** are their regular Senior selves.



Travis Sparks displays one of his many talents.

Brent Kilgore is proud of his watch.

Cameron Mueller
Cindy Neagle
Shael Oxford
Mark Patterson
Phil Pflug

Roy Munch
Cliff Neil
Peggy Painter
Phillip Peterson
Mark Potts

Kim Nading
Robin Nolen
Andy Parker
Rene Patton
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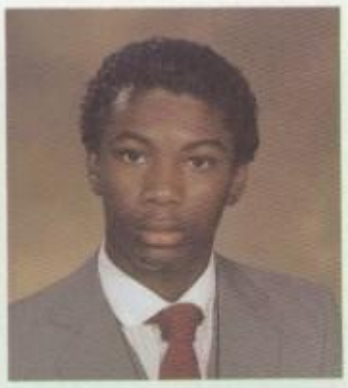
Wanda Price



Maurice Reaves

Debbie Reed

Gary Rhoades

Chris Richards

Billy Rigg

Steve Roberts

Melanie Robertson

Melissa Rodgers

Tonya Ross

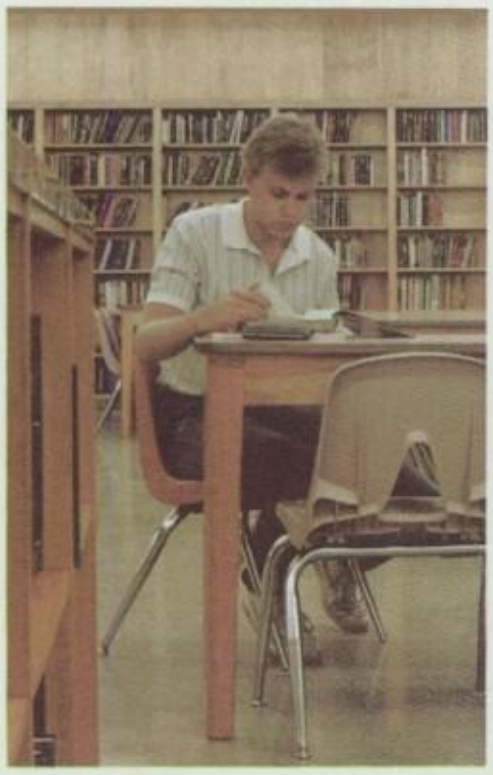
Mike Roughton

Mary Routledge

Jeremy Salzer performs his hand in the mouth trick.

Charlotte Destefano and **Dana Vance** take a break from the hectic Senior schedule.

Debbie Love in a state of Senior shock.



Senior peer counselors **Sally Lea, Albert Mcgee,** and **Eric Cottrel** take a late lunch break.

Carla Jennings looks bewildered in a sea of lockers.

Sharon Cox and Senior **Mark Aben** wait for the bell to ring.

Charles Cruzan get studious in the library.

Debbie Buford carries on a discussion in her family finance class.

Lisa Weston goes home after a long, hard day.

Sarah Vavra stayed amused most of her Senior year.

Senioritis affected most Seniors. **Cindy Naegle** was one of its victims.

Jim Sadler

Jeremy Salzer

Mark Samuel

Marady Schrader

Jeff Seward

Kelly Seward

Steven Shelton

William Shumate

Chris Simon

Kim Simon

Mark Williams bundles up for winter with his trusty toilet paper scarf.

Suman Jaswal displays the ill effects of being a senior.

Renee Patton samples a salad.

Ann Teaford spends an unforgetable moment waiting in the office.

Leiloni Isaacs waits for an assignment in **Mrs. Campbell's** class.

Troy Messer and **Joe Knight** muster a smile in computer class.

Shell Simpson
Bill Smith
Mike Smith
Travis Sparks
Sheila Stephens

Cheryl Stewart
Kena Tatum
Kevin Stinnet
Larry Stuart
John Swanner

Nathan Tate
Ann Teaford
Lori Tomlinson
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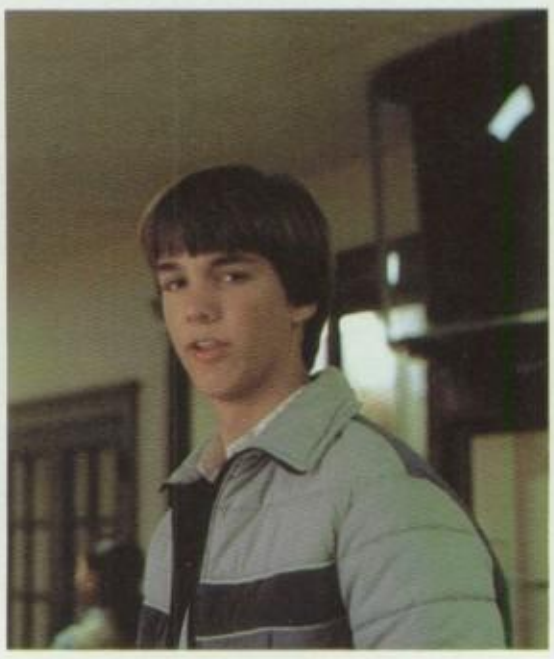
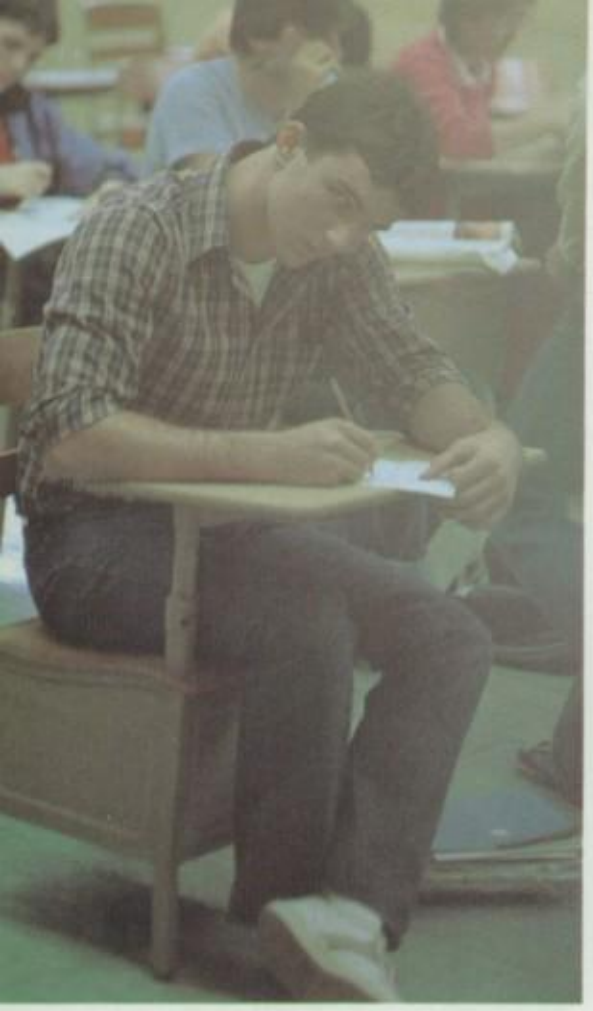


Melanie Robertson sneaks a peek at **Kim Leshes** paper.

Steve Harder gives his wide awake morning look.



Gary Rhoades hopes that one day he will be on the outside of the slammer, instead of on the inside.

Stacy Winchester reflects back on her freshman year and can't believe how far she's come.

Joe Knight relaxes during a hard day at school.

Mark Abben, excited to be a Senior, patiently waits for a pep assembly to begin.

Tracy Turner and **Brad Burris** show that friendship is one of the best ways to share their Senior year.

Terri White
Betty Wilkerson
Mark Williams
Michelle Willis
Michelle Wilson

Pam Wilton
Stacy Winchester
James Wood
Sean Zbranek

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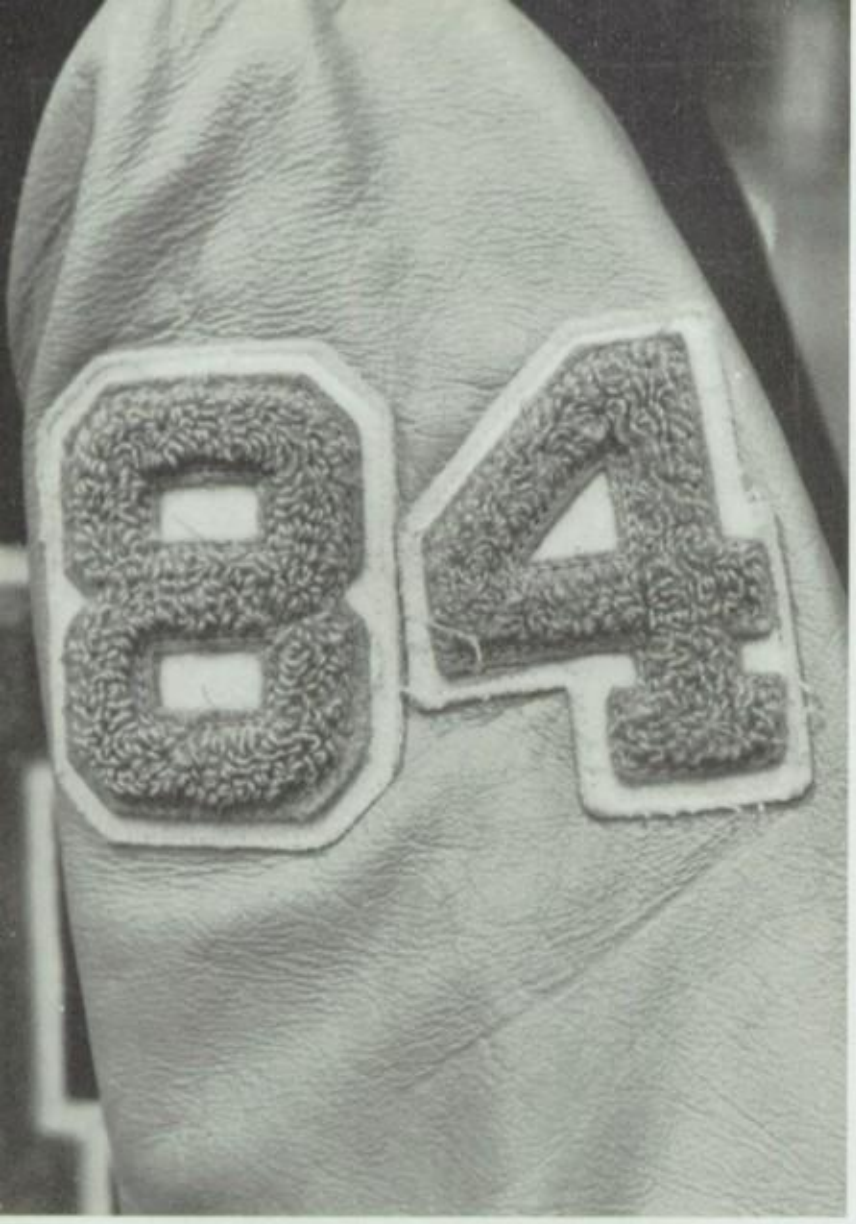

Steve Campbell discusses the five different nutrients of school lunches.

Our winter season seemed to be dominated by snow.

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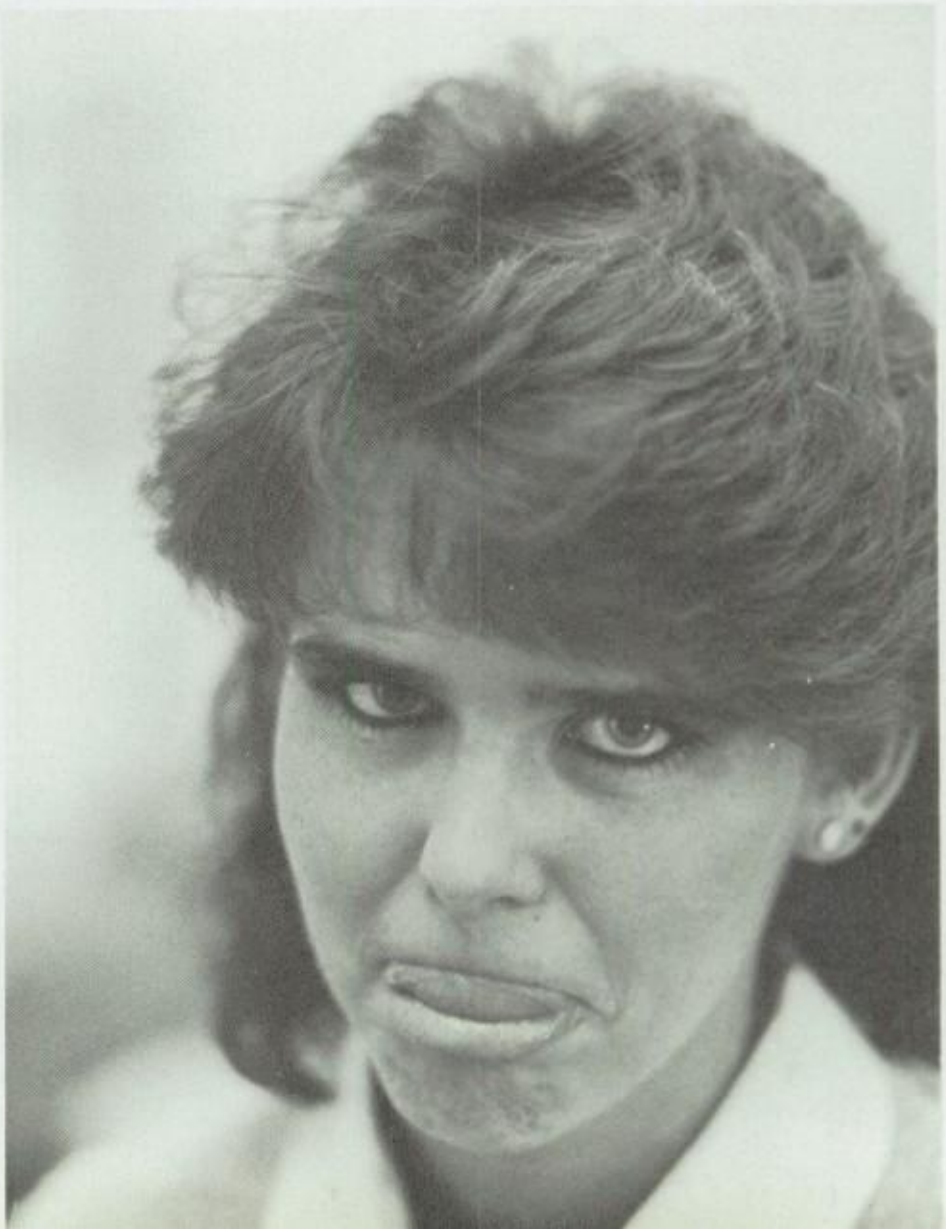
Gail Parra shows off her collection of buttons.

Kim Mitchell puckers up.



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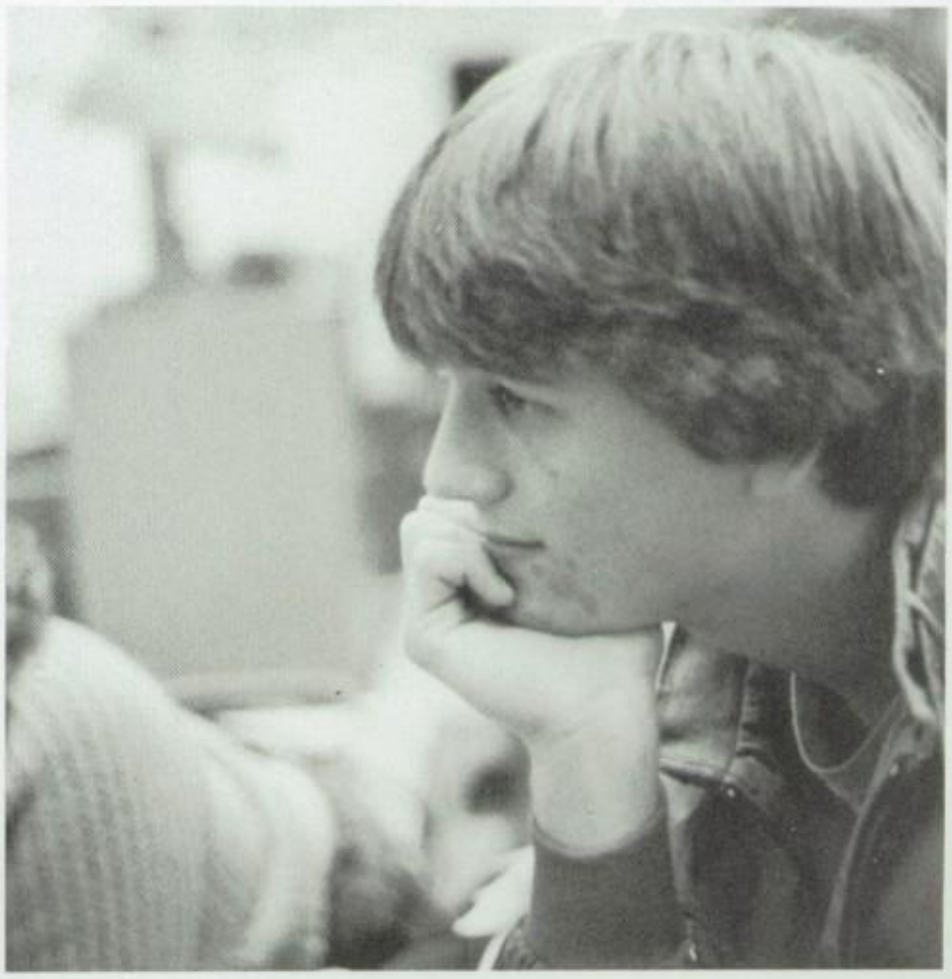

Scott Deneen, Kyle Steele, and Phil Wilcoxon are dedicated fans to the Michael Jackson Fan Club.

Sharrock Dermott experiences mental burn-out.

Jeff Henson thinks he may have found the ultimate escape.

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Debbie Love, a member of the National Honor Society, could often be found at basketball games.

Titia Watson wonders if getting her braces off was worth it.

Tammy Barnes, a member of the Speech and Debate Club, displays a few of her trophies.

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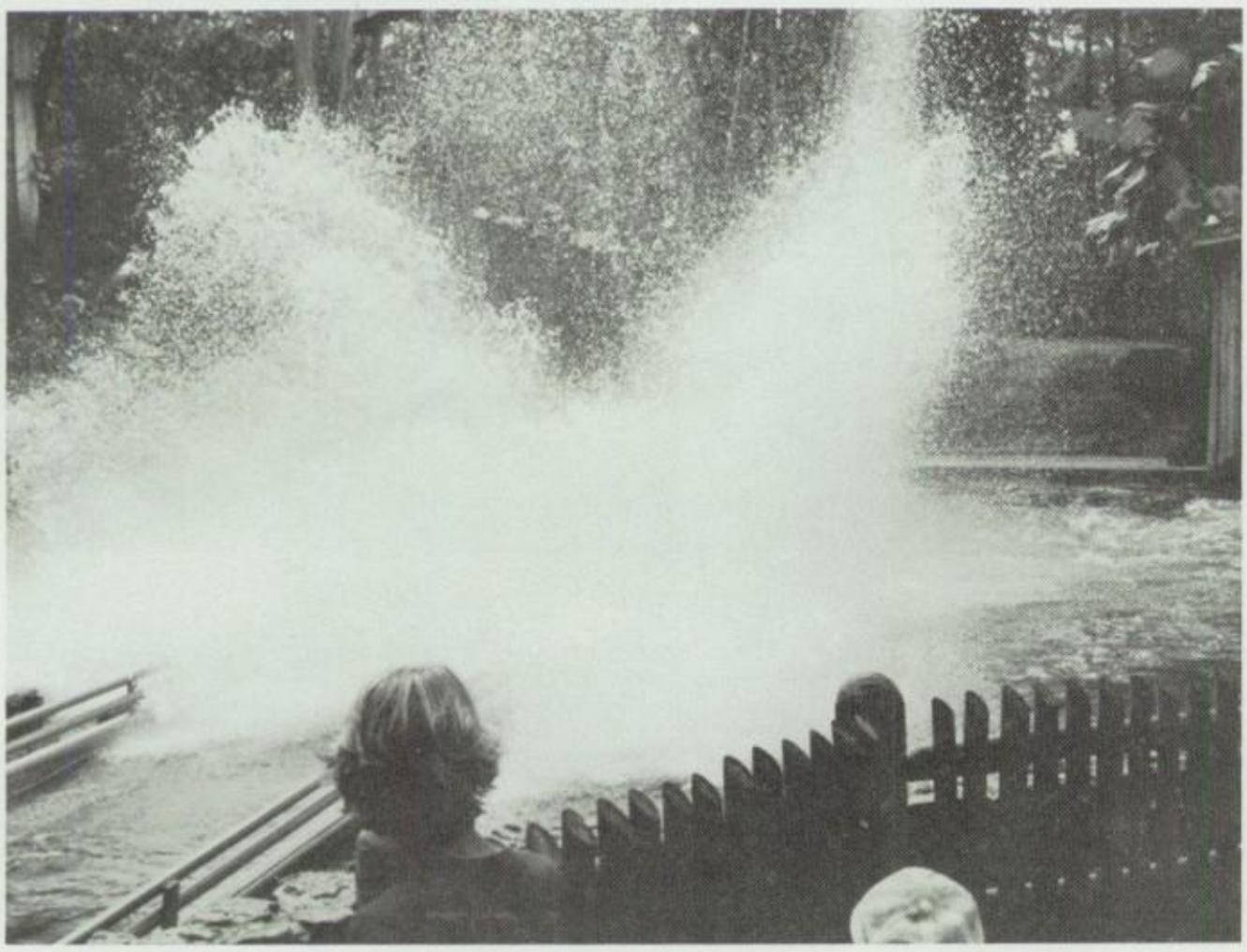

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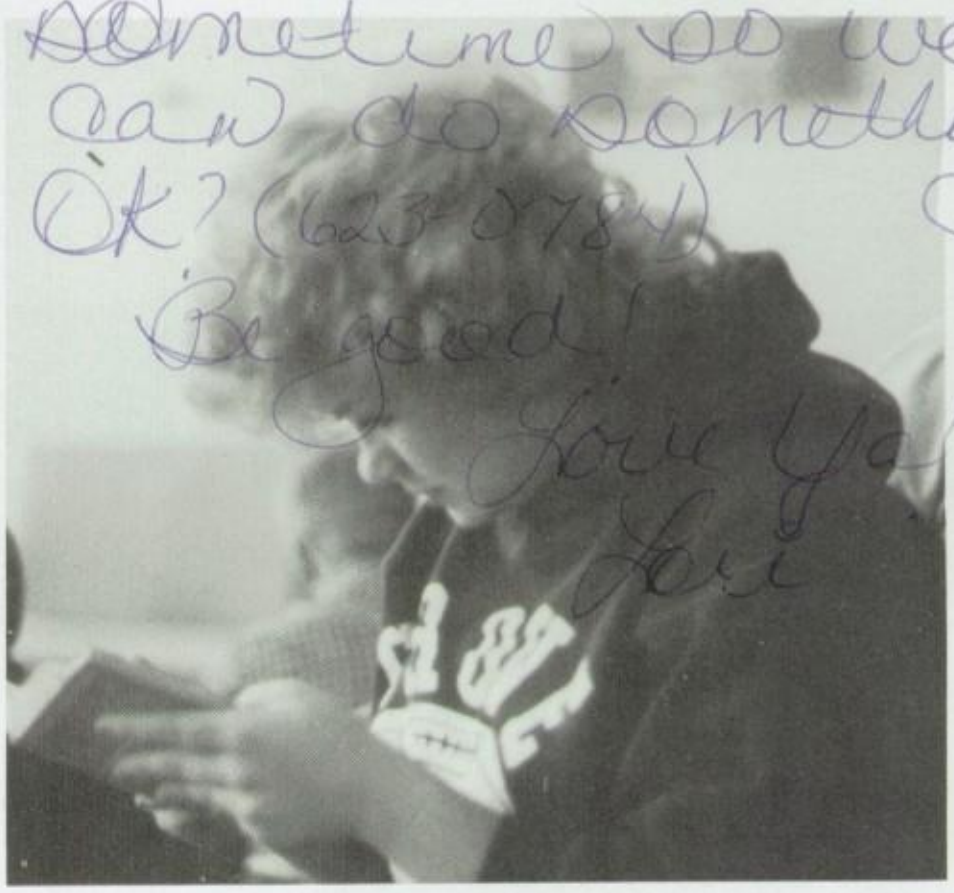
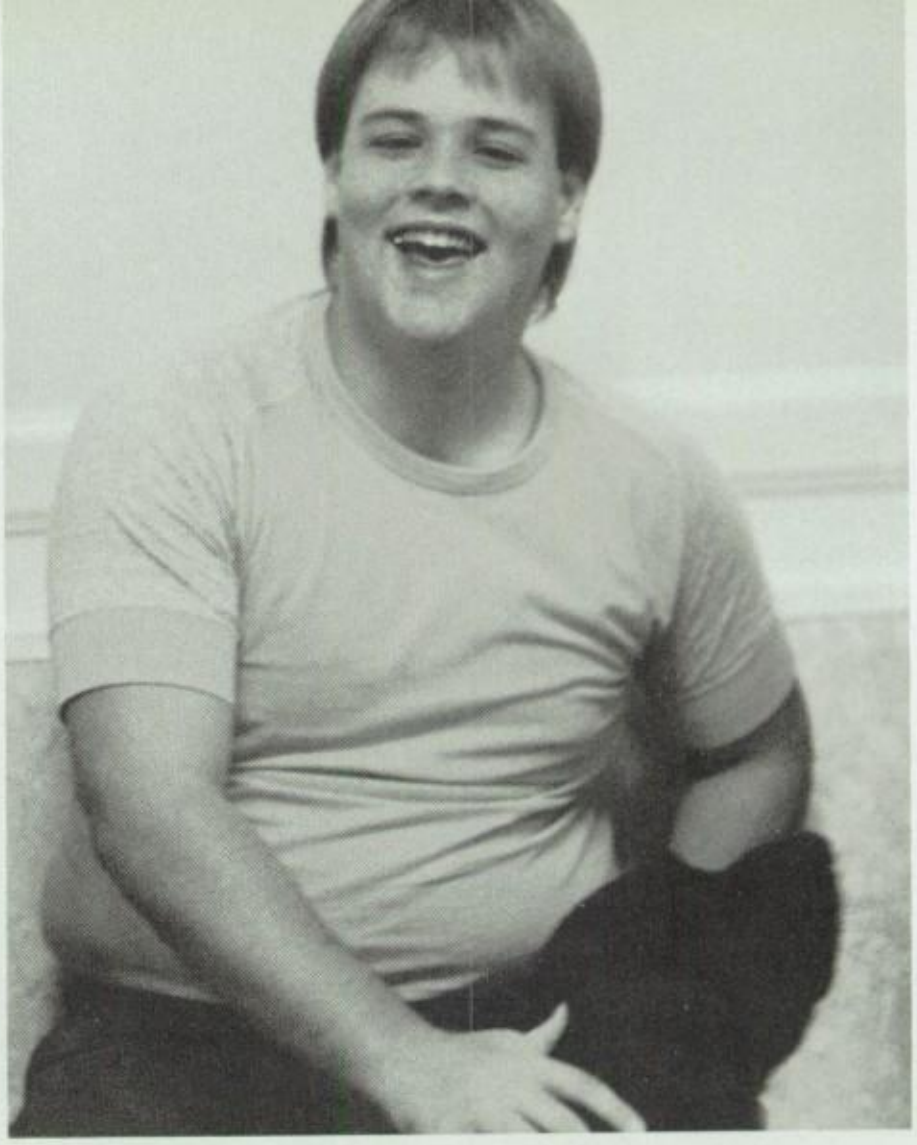


Phil Pflug posses for the camera after eating a big lunch.

Janey Prince, the dedicated Goade student, catches up on a reading assignment while at a basketball game.

Frosh cheerleaders socialize while at a home basketball game.



Andy McGriff brings protection from Dr. Warren.

Tracie Gilmore waits intently for the bell to ring after a hard workout in gym.

Tad Goswick is intimidated by a freshman.

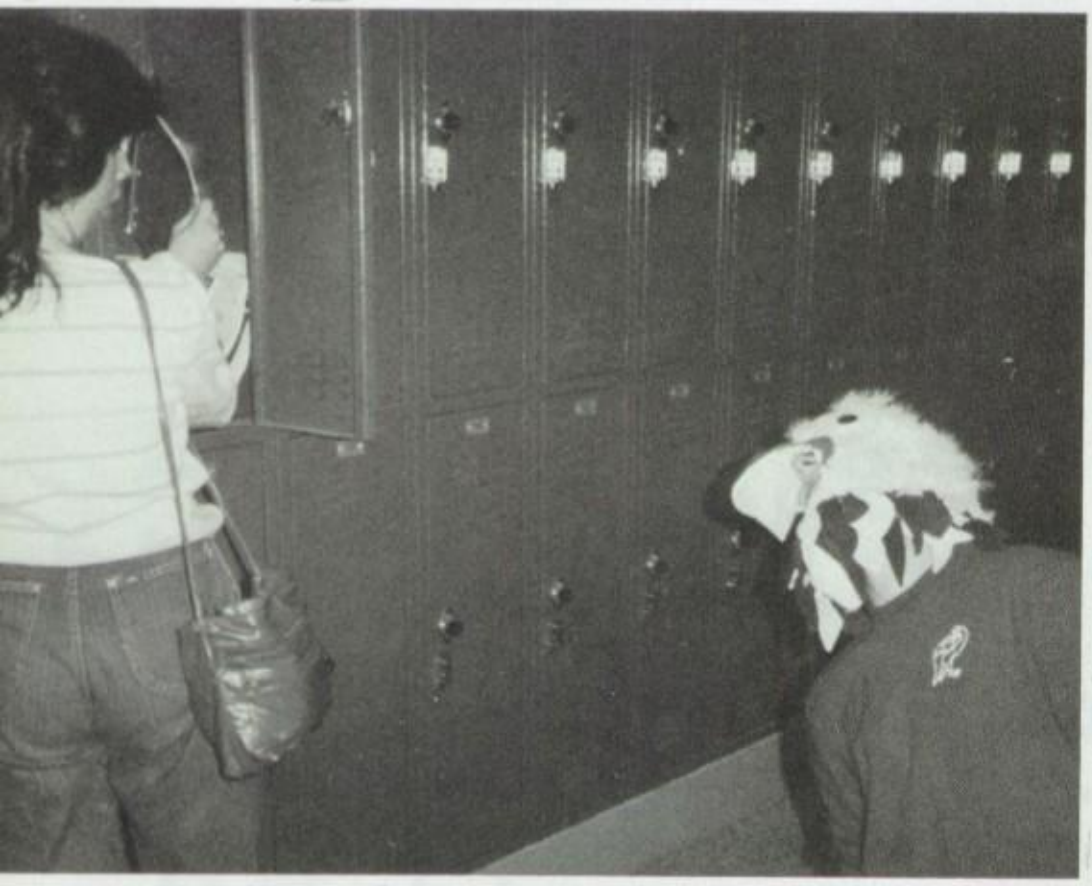
Some lucky freshmen even get their picture in the yearbook.

Joe,
To Bad this year is over!! I am so glad we could be friends! This summer we'll have to get together & have some fun! I stay the sweet young man I know you are!!
Love
Donna

Eagles in the spotlight

Through the doors of Memorial High School have come many unique individuals. Each offered to their school a variety of skills. Some entertained us with athletic abilities. Others led us through the year with a position on Student Council. Others set examples by belonging to a club or organization. There were the cheerleaders who helped raise spirit even in the worst of times.

Each of us (whether we realized it or not) helped this year bring many unforgettable memories. On these two pages are just a few of the people who attributed their uniqueness to Memorial High School.

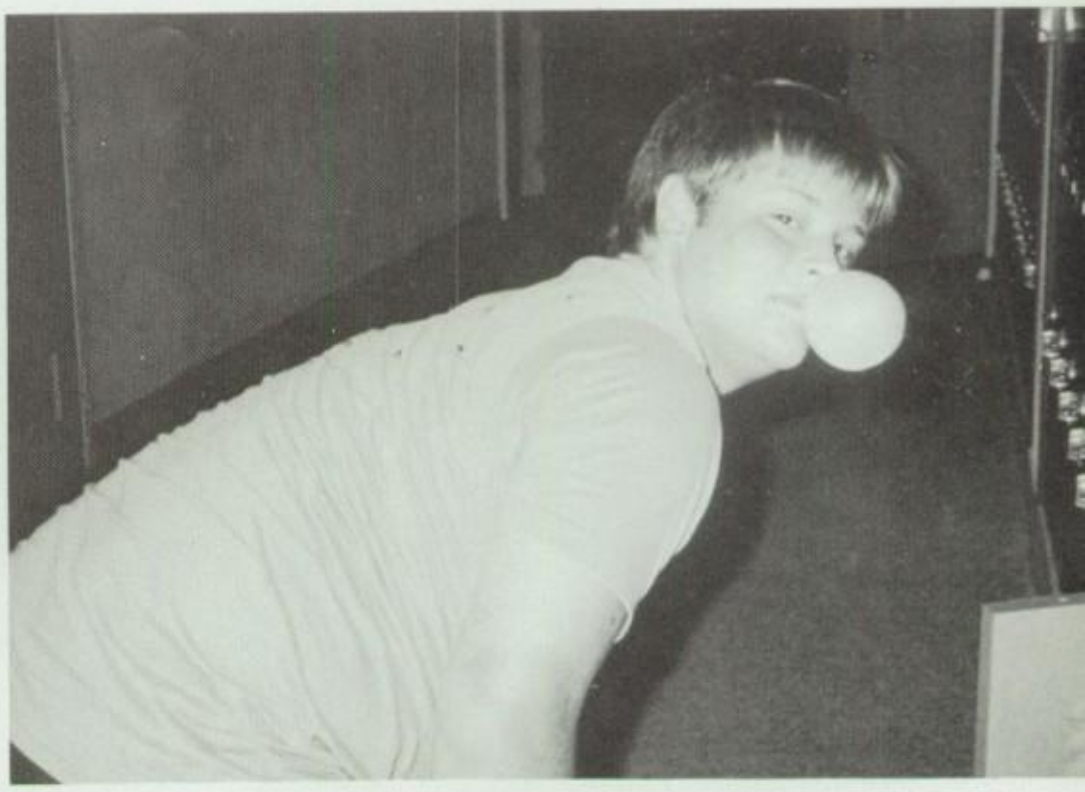


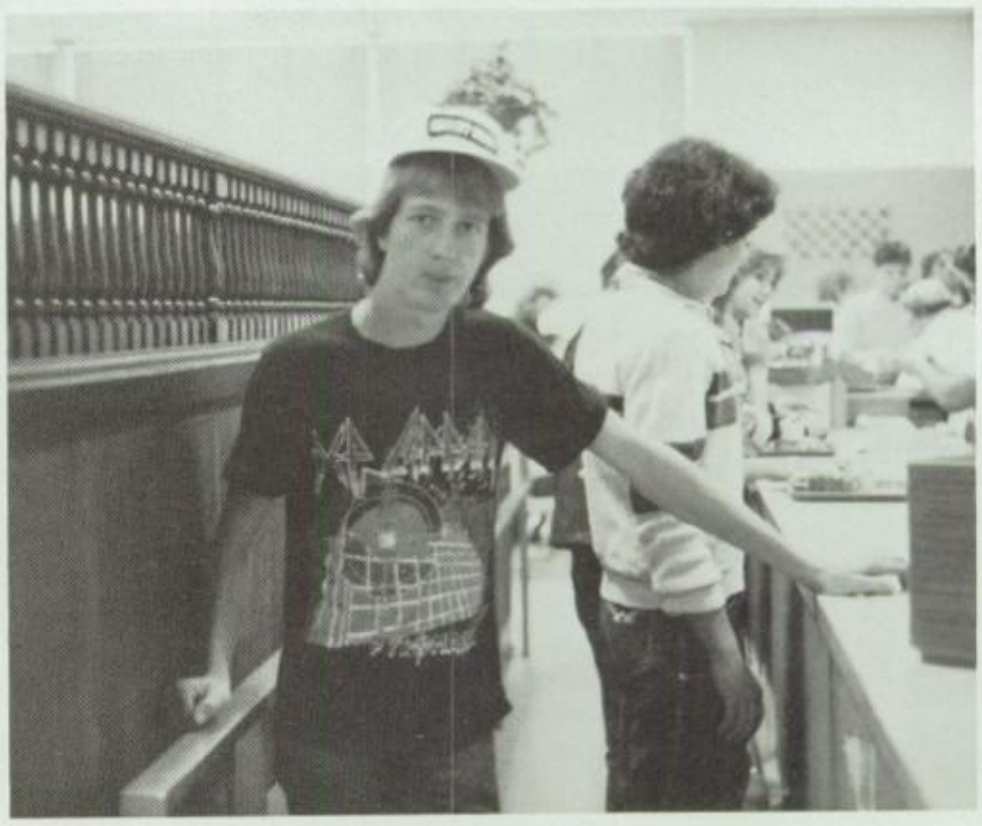
Ruth Miller, Debbie Reed and **Debbie Love** found that being friends made the year go by faster.

"Who is that masked man?" asks **Debbie Kraft.**

Kim Lesh breathes a sigh of relief after turning in that "final" research paper.

Mike Roughton, Memorial's own Basketball Star, gives **J. R. McNee** some tips.





Sally Lea was a totally fer sure, far out, like Varsity Cheerleader.

Andy McGriff's unique personality made him one of Memorial's "model students". Right **Dr. Warren?**

Melissa Grimes smiling face could always be seen as you passed by her in the halls.

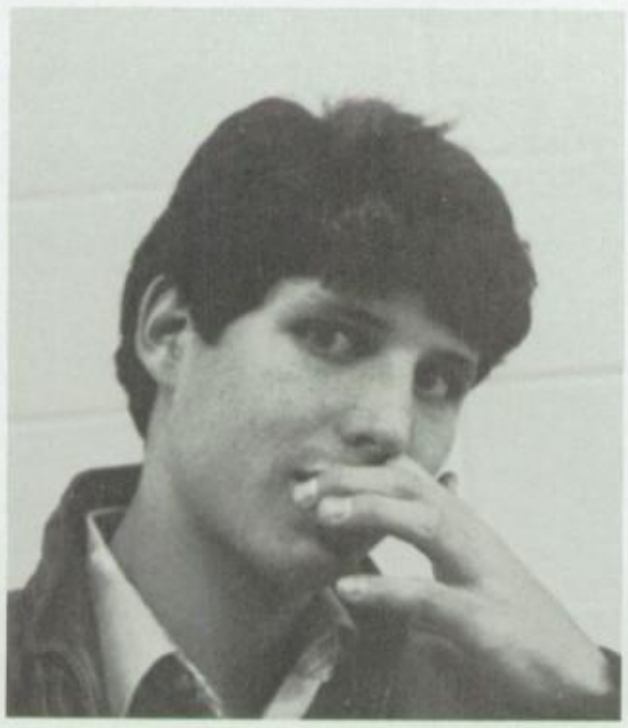
Billy Riggs waits patiently for yet another of those ever so famous school lunches.

These future artists take advantage of the drawing and painting class offered in order to get a head start on their future careers.

Claudia Huff seems rarely subdued on this Monday morning compared to her usual spastic attitude.

Shelly Edwards and **Bobby Kanakis** invent a new game of **Shelly** dropping a ball on **Robby's** head. Some people will do anything to have fun.

Phillip Peterson is extremely excited about being a senior.



Lisa Joseph practices "crashing out" during free class time. Could it be that she stayed out too late the night before?

Joy Shannon and **Melissa Rodgers** take time out before a music concert to talk in the student lounge.

Suman Jaswal and **Dana Lewis** express the indispensable senior spirit and crazy need to release senioritis tension.

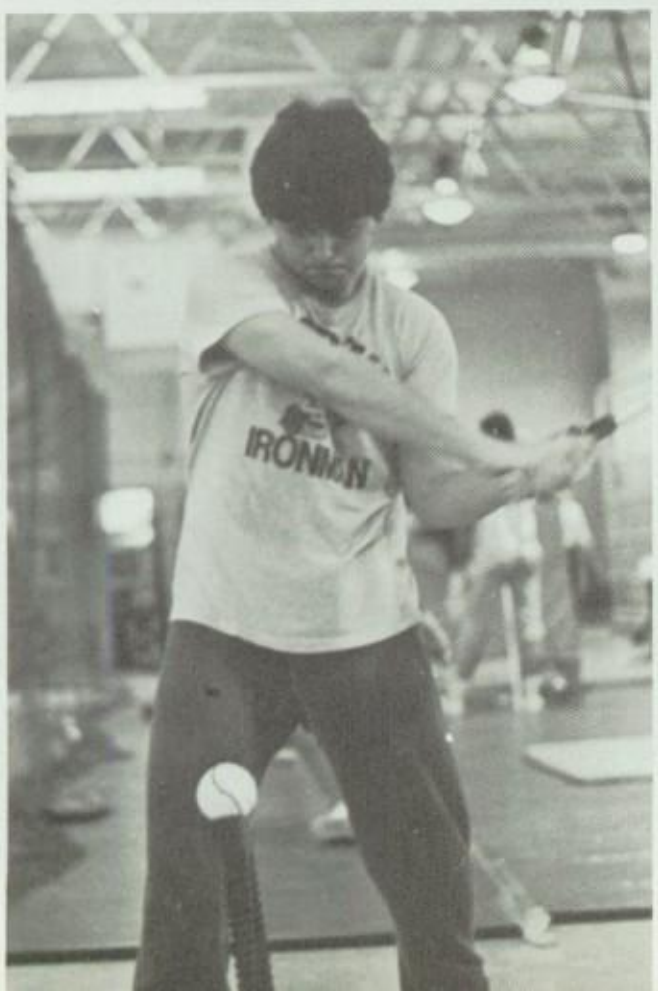
Marty Goade seems confused with just about everything this day.

David Harder, a very diligent student, studies for a math assignment.

Lunch time fs a favorite pastime for many students and a good time to relax. **Ronnie Callis** stops and relaxes for the day during his lunch period.

Kerry Watts and **Cornell Harbin** get ready for another fun hour of a grueling gym class.

Shelly Summers flashes a big smile because she knows how much she is helping out by moving tables in the cafeteria for another eventful dance.



Studying could really "burn" some people out. **Robert Hussong, Chris Fredricks,** and **Tony Anastopolas** look as if they have had enough school for one day.

Liza Lewis is experiencing a complete school crisis of to much homework, and to many tests.

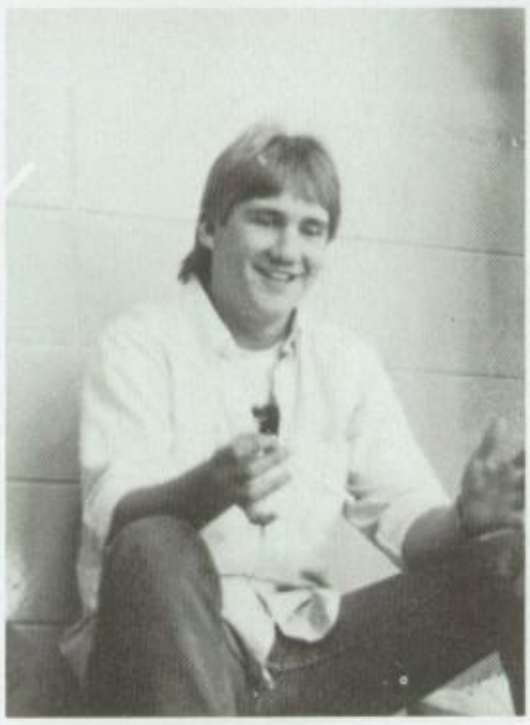
Like most students, **Holly Enlow** is off in another world thinking about things she could be doing in her free time.

The active life of a student involves other people and **Carolyn Ogle** and **Teresa Howe** have been discussing the days events.

Jim Lett practices to some day be a great baseball star. Not really, he just knows all to well that to be successful in any sport one must practice.

Jeff Graham smiles about a funny happening at the lunch table.

R.O.T.C. students work on an assignment.



Melodee Robertson and **Jill Markman** play clarinets in the orchestra.

Tom McClintock works hard on a project in class.

Mike Stout tries to explain his clowning behavior.

A serious look, is what **Joe Sneed** displays.

John Crum likes to give **Mrs. Boatman** a hard time in gym class.

Gretchen Sumpter, a student who transferred to Memorial in the middle of the school year, had no trouble at all in making new friends.

Ruth Miller models vintage clothing at the Daisy Shop.

Kim Baker enjoys an hour of gym class relaxing in the bleachers.

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Joe, you are a very nice and sweet person, and a good friend. I hope you stay the same over the summer cause I don't want the real Joe to ever go. Good luck in the future and with the rest of the women. Hope to have you in some classes next year.
Love
Yo

Growing is all but a constant question of identity and the year of 1983-84 held many questions and experiences for each individual. Time drudges on slowly and school days seem ebulient, slipping away into nothing but a blurr of laughter, tears and memories. Memories become old photographs, faded and torn yet somehow clear. Through those endless school days each person made a tremendous impact on every individual they confronted and experienced. Everyone can take pride in the fact that they grew a little or lived a small part of their life to the fullest without possibly ever realizing it. I thank all of the special people who put so much time and creation into this book. Good luck Memorial, may you never stop growing.

T. Charron

Serge,
J'ai enjoyed
having you in class.
It's not too late to sign
up for next year!
Avec un bon été!
Mlle Hollandsworth

Joe: you're a real
nice guy. Thanks for
helping us in History. So
have a great Summer
and stay out of trouble
see ya next year! Your friend
Michele
Bailey

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Joe,
I think you
a real neat person
and it's been fun
having you in 2nd & 4th
hour. Don't Party too much
this summer and stay out of
trouble.

Love ya
Brenda Munch

"PS" P.S. Sorry for
kicking your leg.

Joe, your a really sweet
guy - I'm glad
I've gotten to know you. We have to get (driving)
together and play tennis. Please be careful
your a great guy and we need you as a friend.
Love ya
Melody

Joe,
Well what can I say. I've
had it up to there, with
all your smart remarks. I
guess they were funny, sometimes.
I hope that someday we can
"go-out" if not it's been fun.
Have fun this summer but
be good and call me!
(If you're lucky I'll answer
the phone.)

Love,
Robin Reed

Joe,
your a really sweet
nice person (most of the time).
Have a good summer and
don't party to much or
you will lose your mind
like me.
See ya this
summer.
Love
ya
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Joe, (Alien Head)
Hope to see you
this summer, MAYBE I'll Have a fun summer
come to Columbia AND I hope to see
Don't ok you and you next year!
Try to stay
out of trouble
SCOTT.

Dennis (Don't
Robbins drink &
drive!!)
"81"

Love,
Laura
Green

Joe
Well it been great having you in 3rd & 4th hour and sitting next to you all kind of help me keep you out of the mud
See ya next year
Deanna

Joe, I'm glad I got to know you, you're a really nice guy and it's been fun having you in 4th hour. Maybe someday we can go on a double date (HA!)
Love ya,
Leslie Schmidt

Joe, Joe, Joe,
What can I say? It's been a fabulous two years - you made it very special the first year and great the second! You are a really good guy whom I'll always love dearly! I AM can the last two years - have a great summer!
Lots of Love,
Jodi White "84"

Joe,
Thanks for making my business boom. I'd would've been poor without you. Let's do some things together next year. Good luck.
Mike Brown
Inc.

Dear Pooter,
Thanks so much for being my good friend. You've taught me alot about people, and how to look out after yourself. Thanks alot!
Love,
Thunder
(Diane)
P.S. Don't forget about me this summer.

Hey Joe,
You're a sweet heart. Glad I have had the chance to go to the same great school that you do. See ya & love ya lots over the Summer Candice Russell
Call sometimes. 624-0163

Joe,

Well I won't have to hear you call me a snob for another 3 months. I don't think I'll mind. I can say is 1st hour has been really interesting. You sure made it less boring. But really, you're a real neat guy. I'm glad I've met you. Have a great summer and stay out of trouble! Love ya

Dear Joe, (Serge)

How did we ever make it. You're a great person and I'm really glad we're friends. You're a lot of fun and I hope I have some classes with you next year. Someday I'll be sure you'll learn to treat as good as me but until then you can keep copying off me! Ha, Ha! Water out for Borge Queen and have a really great summer! You'd better call me too! Love ya (Remington) Lots, Rivette

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